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# PATHWAYS TO LEADERSHIP IN THE LEGAL PROFESSION

Who becomes a leader in the legal profession? Is a leadership role a reward for loyalty? Do you need to move on to move up? What does it take to make partnership in a commercial law firm? What leadership opportunities exist outside of law firm structures?

Please join Victorian Women Lawyers for a panel discussion exploring leadership pathways in the legal profession.

Our panelists will discuss what it means to be a leader, the lessons they learned on their pathway to leadership, and the different leadership styles they've encountered in their careers. We will explore some of the challenges, biases and roadblocks which may be faced by women lawyers when moving into management roles, as well as strategies attendees can implement to overcome those barriers.

The event will be moderated by **Stephanie Pasharis**, President of VWL.

**DATE:** Tuesday, 4 October 2022

**TIME:** 6pm - Registrations open  
6:30pm - Panel discussion  
7:30pm - 8pm - Networking

**COST:** Free for VWL members  
\$15 for non-members

**LOCATION** Clayton Utz  
Level 18, 333 Collins St  
Melbourne VIC 3000

**REGISTER:** [vwl.asn.au/events-3](http://vwl.asn.au/events-3)

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**Lucy Terracall** is a leading Partner at Clayton Utz. Lucy has over 15 years' experience providing legal advice and commercial guidance to a range of corporate clients, including ASX 200 companies, banks and other financial institutions, as well as Commonwealth and State government agencies.

Lucy was named a next generation partner in Insurance in the Legal 500 Asia-Pacific (2020-2022) and has consistently been voted by her peers as one of Australia's best lawyers in Insurance in Best Lawyers Australia (2017-2022). Lucy is also a member of Women in Insurance which provides networking opportunities for women, and celebrates the contribution that women make to the insurance and financial services industry. Internally at Clayton Utz, Lucy maintains an active commitment to the Momentum committee champions diversity and inclusion initiatives at the firm.



**Sara Dennis** is the Assistant Victorian Government Solicitor at the Victorian Government Solicitor's Office and leads the Litigation & Dispute Resolution Branch. In this role, she provides strategic guidance to teams responsible for a range of litigation involving the State of Victoria.

Prior to joining the VGSO 3 years ago, Sara worked in private practice for 20 years including 15 years in the Class Actions and Product Safety team at Clayton Utz and 4 years in the litigation team at Middletons (now K&L Gates). She was very involved in the diversity and inclusion network and activity program at Clayton Utz and remains committed to maintaining momentum in relation to these issues.



**Geoffrey Still** is a Director at the Innovative Knowledge Development (IKD) and is passionate about supporting legal professionals to achieve their personal and professional development goals. Since joining IKD in 2007, Geoffrey has designed and facilitated programs specifically for legal audiences on developing executive presence, presentation skills, effective client relationships, managing workload, improving interactions with challenging clients, emotional intelligence and psychological flexibility, managing your inner critic and developing your inner coach.

His specialisation in executive coaching, leadership and team development has resulted from 20 plus years' experience in consulting, learning and development and adult education. His commercial approach developed through previously held senior national roles at IKEA Australia and GlaxoSmithKline over 10 years.