

CAMLA Young Lawyers Networking Event and Essay Competition



On Wednesday evening, 14 March 2018 CAMLA held its Young Lawyers Networking event at the offices of King & Wood Mallesons. The event was proudly organised by the CAMLA Young Lawyers Committee. The event provided an excellent opportunity for young lawyers and law students to gain valuable insights into a number of career paths within both the media and communications industries from a panel of accomplished and inspiring professionals.

This year, the diverse and very experienced panel consisted of Cate Nagy (Partner at King & Wood Mallesons), Matthew Lewis (Barrister at 5 Wentworth Chambers), Johnathan Carter (Head of Legal, Corporate and Policy at APRA AMCOS) and Kirsty McLeod (Senior Corporate Counsel at Channel Ten). The event was chaired by Maggie Chan, Senior Associate at King & Wood Mallesons. The panel candidly recounted some of their war stories and the highlights of their career with the audience. They also provided some insightful lessons and career tips to the audience, comprising of the following:

- first impressions are imperative.
- networking is important, both internally within the business and externally.
- where you start your career isn't where you will necessarily end up.
- the need to have a genuine interest in the law.
- be authentic in your interests.
- show initiative.

The event also provided an opportunity for networking at the conclusion of the panel presentation and the opportunity to announce and celebrate the winners of CAMLA's annual essay writing competition.

Awards were presented to Penelope Bristow of the University of Queensland for her essay, "#Trending – The Rise of Social Media and the Challenges for Australia's Defamation Law", Claudia Carr of Curtin University on her essay on Net Neutrality in Australia and Anna Belgiorno-Nettis of Gilbert + Tobin on her essay on the topic of 'Does the Broadcasting Reform Act give up on democracy?' The first two of those essays are published in this edition of the *Communications Law Bulletin*. The third is forthcoming.

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