

CAMLA Young Lawyers Year in Review

CAMLA Young Lawyers is an official sub-committee of CAMLA of up to 15 young lawyers who represent the interests of young lawyers working in, or who have an interest in, communications and media law in Australia. CAMLA Young Lawyers also assists the CAMLA Board with fulfilling its objectives.

This year's CAMLA Young Lawyers' Committee has comprised a diverse and gregarious team of young lawyers from across the communications and media sectors, including; Jennifer Arnup (ABC), Michael Boland (Seven), Amy Campbell (HWL Ebsworth), Julie Cheeseman (Ashurst), Chris Chow (Chris Chow Creative), Ashleigh Fehrenbach (Minter Ellison), Ishan Karunanayake (TMRW), Marie Karykis (Foxtel), Nicholas Kraegen (Baker McKenzie), Christian Keogh (Webb Henderson), Eva Lu (Thomson Geer), Joel Parsons (Bird & Bird) and Calli Tshipidis (Fox Sports). We also wished Tom Griffin (Data Republic) and Maggie Chan (King & Wood Mallesons) all the best in their new opportunities in-house and abroad.

We kicked off 2018 with the CAMLA Young Lawyers' Networking Event held at King & Wood Mallesons. The event took the form of a panel discussion followed by networking for law students and young lawyers with an interest in the media and communications industries. This year the panel included Jonathan Carter (APRA/AMCOS), Matthew Lewis (5 Wentworth Chambers), Kirsty McLeod (Ten) and Cate Nagy (King & Wood Mallesons) who discussed their career paths, professional insights and some tips on successful networking. The winners of the CAMLA essay competition were also announced, with congratulations to Penelope Bristow (University of Queensland), Claudia Carr (Curtin University) and Anna Belgiorno-Nettis (Gilbert + Tobin).

In light of the recent movements in respect of privacy law and implementation of the GDPR, our mid year breakfast seminar was held at Minter Ellison with the theme of Privacy Law Essentials. Our guest speakers included Veronica Scott (Minter Ellison), Anna Johnson (Salinger Privacy), Peter Leonard (Data Synergies) who provided insights into this ever changing and challenging field.

Our most recent event, the Speed Mentoring evening was held on 25 October at Baker McKenzie with great success. Mentors this year included Kate Andrews (Seven), Sam Berry (DVM Law), Gillian Clyde (Beyond

International), Michael Mueller (Optus), Courtney Scallan (Banki Haddock Fiora), Rochelle Schuenker (Amaysim) and several of the Young Lawyers. Together the mentors graciously provided mentees with anecdotal accounts and advice.

Throughout the year the Young Lawyers also reported back on CAMLA events and interviewed and profiled some prominent figures in the sector. These opportunities provided valuable introductions to the team and broader CLB readership.

Whilst the calendar year is wrapping up we are busy planning our next Networking Event to be held in early 2019, where we will also be announcing the 2019 Essay Competition winners. If you are a student or have not yet reached 5 years PQE please send your submissions our way. Entries close 18 January 2019.

If you would like to nominate to become a 2018 CAMLA Young Lawyers committee member, please send us a brief CV and explanation as to why you would like to be part of CAMLA Young Lawyers for 2019. Please email your expression of interest to camla@tpg.com.au with your name and organisation in the subject line by Friday 14 December 2017.

We appreciate the exceptional support from our many supporting individuals, firms and organisations and would like to thank them for their generosity throughout the year. I would like to thank Jennifer and Ashleigh for their contributions to the Committee in their roles of co-secretary. Lastly, the Young Lawyers would like to thank the Martyn Taylor and the CAMLA Board whose advice and advocacy have been invaluable.

We look forward to seeing you all at the CAMLA AGM on 29 November 2018.

With thanks,
Katherine

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