

President's Report by Martyn Taylor

This annual president's report is the last of the 2010s and in a few weeks we have the turn of the decade and we move into the 2020s. It is amazing how much has changed over the last decade – and the constant rapid pace of innovation and change in the technology sector. We are very lucky as telecoms and media lawyers to work in such a dynamic and interesting sector.

My objective as President for the last 12 months has been to ensure that CAMLA remains a vibrant, interesting and successful association for the benefit of media and communications lawyers.

Hopefully you all agree that we have again met this objective. It has been another great 12 months.

As I said last year, CAMLA is a voluntary organisation. CAMLA succeeds because we collectively make the effort to translate ideas into reality. We arrange high quality, relevant and interesting events. We produce a topical publication with outstanding content. We provide a forum for networking and sharing news. The more we each contribute, the more valuable CAMLA becomes as an association for us all.

I can't say that CAMLA has fulfilled its objectives without mentioning the support of the great many people that have been heavily involved in CAMLA over the last 12 months. I thank you all.

I'll start with the most important people, namely all the members of CAMLA. We have 348 people who are currently members of CAMLA. This means CAMLA is a relatively large association. We have 28 firms and organisations who have corporate memberships including a range of media companies, government agencies, law firms, industry associations, and content companies.

I'll next mention the CAMLA Board. We had 17 members of the Board

over the 2019 year. I could shower praise on each of you and you each certainly deserve that, but I would like to make special mention of those in the executive positions:

- **Rebecca Dunn**, who stepped into the role of Secretary last year taking over from Page Henty. Rebecca has performed an amazing role as Secretary in keeping the CAMLA tradition of well-organised meetings with high quality minutes and records. Many thanks Bec.
- **Katherine Giles**, who has continued in the hot seat as Treasurer and Public Officer and has ensured the organisation has been running smoothly and within budget. Many thanks Katherine.
- **Debra Richards and Gillian Clyde**, who have been the two vice Presidents of CAMLA for the last 12 months. Both of them have been instrumental in organising key events, including the CAMLA Cup and seminars. Many thanks Deb and Gillian.

I'll continue as President during 2020 for my third term. Rebecca Dunn is continuing as Secretary. Katherine Giles is continuing as Treasurer and Public Officer. Deb Richards is continuing as one of the Vice Presidents. Gillian Clyde is stepping down to give someone else a turn on the executive, so Ryan Grant will be a new Vice-President.

Next, I'd like to mention the CAMLA Young Lawyers Committee. The contribution of the Young Lawyers Committee over the last 12 months has again been outstanding. Myself and the Board have been impressed and very grateful for the time and effort of each of the members of the CAMLA Young Lawyers Committee and the very high quality of the contributions made to CAMLA. Applications for membership of the

new Committee for 2020 are due shortly. Please also encourage the Young Lawyers in your respective organisations to get involved.

Again, I would like to give particular thanks to Katherine Sessions for again chairing the Young Lawyers Committee over the 2019 year.

That brings me to the CAMLA Events. We have held 7 events in 2019, each of an incredibly high quality and receiving extremely positive feedback:

- the Integrity in Sports event in March
- a defamation reform seminar also in March
- the CAMLA Young Lawyers Networking Event in June
- a telecommunications panel discussion in August
- the CAMLA Cup at the Sky Phoenix in August
- an Open Justice seminar by Chief Justice Bathurst in October
- a seminar by Rod Sims on the role of the ACCC into the 2020s

That brings me to the Communications Law Bulletin. In my view the Bulletin has again gone from strength to strength.

We have had many insightful and interesting articles, including on such topics as algorithms, fake news, online piracy, and artificial intelligence. We have interviewed some of the most interesting and impressive people in the Australian media and telco landscape. The quality of the CLB over the last 12 months has been just fantastic.

My hat off to our two editors, Eli Fisher and Ashleigh Fehrenbach. They have a difficult task in co-ordinating the CLB. They have both driven the CLB with huge energy and enthusiasm. The high quality of the CLB over the last 12 months is testimony to this. Many thanks to you both.

I now turn quickly to the CAMLA administration and finances.

Of course, our huge thanks to Cath Hill on behalf of all of us on the CAMLA Board for her incredible effort over the course of the last 12 months in keeping us all organised as the administrative secretary.

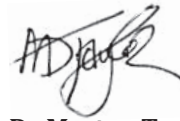
CAMLA would not function without the efforts of Cath and it makes it a lot easier for those of us

on the Board to ensure CAMLA and the events that we hold work like clockwork.

I'm not intending to spoil the excitement by giving too much away about our plans for the next 12 months - you will all just have to wait and see. We have plenty of great ideas.

The changes in the telecoms and media sector continue to provide many opportunities for interesting seminars and content.

For those of you involved in CAMLA - many thanks indeed from all of us and I look forward to working with you all over the next 12 months!



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CAMLA Young Lawyers Committee 2019 Report

What a year! Mixing with industry was a large focus of the CAMLA Young Lawyers activity in 2019 and was achieved with great success!

Attendees at the sold-out Networking Event heard from an esteemed panel about career development for young lawyers and approaches to networking, participated in interactive app-based sharing of networking experiences and connected with other professionals over drinks.

Thank you again to our Networking Event panellists Ben Cividin (Head of HR, Kayo Sports), Ben Kay (Partner, Kay & Hughes, Art and Entertainment Lawyers), Nick Pascoe (Partner, MinterEllison), Sophie Malloch (Associate General Counsel, Facebook Australia and New Zealand) and Rebecca Sandel (Senior Director, Legal & Business Affairs, Universal Music Australia), for sharing their time and wonderful insights, which we have used throughout the year.

Challenges and Opportunities facing the Telecommunications Sector was also a sell-out event with the panellists discussing trending topics facing the telecommunications sector from 5G to national security reforms and mergers to convergence.

The CAMLA Young Lawyers again thank panellists Cameron Cross (General Counsel, nbn), Thomas Jones (Partner, Bird&Bird), Simone Sant (Deputy General Counsel,

Vodafone) and Dr Martyn Taylor (Partner, Norton Rose Fullbright).

Throughout the year the Young Lawyers contributed various articles and event report backs for the Communications Law Bulletin, as well as profiling Dr Martyn Taylor, Larina Alick, Dr Matthew Collins QC, Richard Ackland and many more!

We had many opportunities to mingle with the Board in attending CAMLA Board meetings, sharing dinners and drinks, as well as a table at the CAMLA Cup - an event which was a great success yet again in 2019.

We would like to acknowledge and thank all the firms and companies that generously hosted our meetings throughout the year, and to Fox Sports and the ABC for the unique opportunities of having us in your live studio audiences.

Our achievements would not have been possible without such wonderfully collaborative CAMLA Young Lawyers Committee, comprising

- **Christian Keogh** (Webb Henderson) Co-secretary
- **Calli Tsipidis** (Fox Sports) Co-secretary
- **Michael Boland** (DVM law)
- **Amy Campbell** (HWL Ebsworth)
- **Tarah Koh** (Addisons)
- **Alexander Latu** (Addisons)
- **Eva Lu** (Thomson Geer)
- **Joel Parsons** (Bird & Bird)

- **Nicholas Perkins** (Ashurst)
- **Antonia Rosen** (Banki Haddock Fiora)
- **Belyndy Rowe** (Sainty Law)
- **Madeline James** (Corrs Chambers Westgarth)
- **Isabella Street** (Sony)
- **Patrick Tyson** (ABC)

Thank you to this year's team, with particular thanks to our co-secretaries Christian Keogh and Calli Tsipidis. Thank you also to CAMLA Board President Martyn Taylor, the CAMLA Board and Cath Hill, who have provided us with tremendous support throughout the year.

There is so much great work happening as we move into the new decade! We have a wealth of exciting and innovative CAMLA Young Lawyers events and activities under way for 2020 - including our annual Networking Event, an event focused on streaming services and an event focused on innovative tech.

If you would like to get involved in the 2020 CAMLA Young Lawyers Committee, please keep an eye out on the CAMLA website <https://www.camla.org.au/> for nomination details, which will be opening up in December 2019.

Wishing you and yours all the best for the holiday season!

Katherine Sessions, Chair

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