

CAMLA Networking Event 2021

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CAMLA Young Lawyers were very excited to hold an in-person networking event for young lawyers and law students with an interest in the media and communications industry.

The event was held in March at Clayton Utz, Sydney and featured a panel discussion, followed by announcements, drinks and networking.

Our very accomplished speakers were Tim Webb from Clayton Utz, Sarah Woollcott from BMG, Michael Bradley from Marque Lawyers, and Claire Roberts, Eleven Wentworth.

The panellists discuss their career paths, professional highlights and challenges, and their advice for young lawyers looking to break into, and progress, in the industry.

Highlights included Tim's advice to engage deeply with your area of law by reading newspapers, attending events, and achieving a thorough understanding of how the industry operates; Michael's advice to take opportunities to speak up and advocate for your firm or business to reshape the way things are done and not be afraid to challenge the assumptions we hold; Sarah's advice to look outside the expected areas for a mentor, and that you don't have to be the loudest or most confident person in the room to be great at networking. Claire encouraged us to look for opportunities to get involved, set measurable goals such as making a conscious effort to ask a question when you attend a seminar, and find the activities and people that match our interests.

Above all, the panellists encouraged us to show we are engaged and think of networking not as a

daunting thing you must do for your job, but as an opportunity to make valuable, human connections.

The winners of the 2020 CAMLA essay competition were announced at the event. Congratulations to first placed Isabella Barrett of University of Sydney, second placed Kate Mani from Monash University, and third placed Anna Kretowicz from the University of Queensland. We look forward to reading your essays!

Thank you to the panellists for your time and invaluable guidance, and for staying around after the event to show us how networking is done. Thank you to Clayton Utz, Sydney for hosting us. The event was expertly run and hosted by Cath Hill from CAMLA, and CAMLA Young Lawyers Isabella Boag Taylor and Nicola McLaughlin and Calli Tshipidis. Well done team.

