

Editors' Note

Our dear CLB readers,

Welcome to the final edition of the CLB for 2021.

In this edition, we're pleased to bring you the annual wrap-ups from **Martyn Taylor**, President of CAMLA, and **Calli Tshipidis**, Chair of the CAMLA Young Lawyers Committee, reflecting on CAMLA's year, the events we held, the content we distributed and how CAMLA is moving into 2022. As Martyn steps down from the role of President after a number of years, the CAMLA board would like to thank him for his leadership as President of CAMLA, including during the uncertain years of the pandemic, and welcome Gilbert + Tobin's **Rebecca Dunn** to the role in 2022.

In this edition, **Eli Fisher** (Network Ten ViacomCBS, co-editor) hosts a panel on the two major privacy reforms sweeping Australia – the exposure draft of the Online Privacy Bill and a Discussion Paper on the review of the Privacy Act that commenced in October 2020. The star-studded panel features Sainty Law's **Katherine Sainty**, Bird & Bird's **Sophie Dawson**, Norton Rose Fulbright's **Ross Phillipson**, RPC's **Ashleigh Fehrenbach**, Macquarie Group's **Olga Ganopolsky**, Salinger Privacy's **Anna Johnston** and McCullough Robertson's **Rebecca Lindhout**. In an in-depth panel piece, our experts explain what these changes may mean for organisations that collect and use personal information, and where Australia stands from an international perspective.

We have an assortment of brilliant, insightful articles to keep you going over the holidays. Thomson Geer's **Conor O'Beirne** takes us through the drama of the urgent application for judicial review of the CASA decision to prevent the Melbourne Media Helicopter from flying above the Melbourne CBD during the recent protests there. **Ian Bloemendahl** and his team at Clayton Utz consider the protection of anonymous sources in a social media context, following the recent *Kumova v Davison* decision. **Sarah Gilkes** and **Ben Cameron** at Hamilton Locke summarise the latest developments in the *Epic Games v Apple* dispute. Salinger Privacy's **Anna Johnston** comments on the OAI's recent 7-Eleven decision. And Banki Haddock Fiora's **Ben Regattieri** and **Marina Olsen** take us through the scope of the Federal Court's jurisdiction in defamation matters.

The Courts have been kept busy in the lead up to the end of the year with important developments in the media, defamation and data arenas. Eli Fisher and **Dominic Keenan** (Allens), along with a crew of defamation gurus have analysed the outcome of the High Court's decision in *Voller*, sharing their perspectives on what this means for the meaning of a "publisher" for the purposes of defamation law. Be sure to check out the observations on this important judgment of USYD's **David Rolph**, Thomson Geer's **Marlia Saunders**, Senior Counsel **Matt Collins AM QC**, JWS's **Kevin Lynch**, Senior Counsel **Sue Chrysanthou SC**, Addisons' **Justine Munsie**, Network Ten ViacomCBS's **Ali Kerr**, and Bird & Bird's **Sophie Dawson**.

MinterEllison's **Tess McGuire** and **Annabelle Ritchie** share the latest on the *Dutton v Bazzi* case and in the UK, the team at **RPC** dive into the Supreme Court's decision on *Lloyd v Google*, a case which will have significant ramifications for UK data protection.

Also inside, we have reports from a number of the CAMLA Young Lawyers Committee representatives. We report on the CAMLA AdTech webinar, hosted by **Eli Fisher** and **Sophie Dawson** (Bird & Bird). We also report on the "Governing in the Internet Age" webinar with the **Hon. Paul Fletcher MP** and moderated by **Rebecca Lindhout**, Special Counsel at McCullough Robertson.

We are especially excited to provide a summary transcript from the excellent Defamation Law: Judges Panel seminar moderated by **David Sibtain** (Level 22 Chambers) and **Marina Olsen** (Banki Haddock Fiora) for those who are unable to attend. Thank you to David and Marina, and to Banki Haddock Fiora for hosting this fascinating discussion with **Judge John Sackar**, **Judge Judith Gibson** and **Judge Michael Lee**. If you were unable to attend the seminar, be sure to check out the summary transcript inside.

COVID-19 has continued to demonstrate a need to adapt and change with technology. In an interview, **Zeina Milicevic**, IP Partner at MinterEllison, shares her insights with **Ashleigh Fehrenbach** (RPC, co-editor) on how both law firms and the courts have had to adapt to a new environment. Zeina also discusses the recent developments in artificial intelligence and virtual hearings – along with some sound career advice.

Before we move into 2022 and all the promise that the new year brings, CAMLA was saddened to hear of the recent loss of **Ian Angus**, a powerhouse in the media law world. We have included an obituary from long-time colleague **Leanne Norman**. Our thoughts are with Ian's family, and we hope that they truly appreciate the great, positive and enduring impact that Ian had on generations of media lawyers in Australia.

We're already looking forward to 2022 and will kick off the new year with an announcement of the winner of the **CAMLA Essay Competition** at the **CAMLA Young Lawyers Networking Event**. There's still time to enter with entries closing on 21 January 2022. Well done to everyone who has already entered!

We take this opportunity to thank and acknowledge both CAMLA's **Cath Hill** and MKR Productions' **Michael Ritchie** for their huge amounts of work this year in helping us produce this publication. You two are a major force driving the ongoing success of the CLB.

Finally, thank you to all the contributors and our readers.

All the best for the festive season. See you next year!

Eli Fisher and Ashleigh Fehrenbach