



Women in Law finalists named



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Lawyers Weekly is pleased to reveal this year's finalists for the annual Women in Law Awards.

Now in its sixth year, the Lawyers Weekly Women in Law Awards recognises the achievements of women who have challenged, influenced or changed the practise of law in Australia.

With a record number of submissions, this year's Women in Law Awards are the most hotly contested to date, with the finalists representing some of the best and brightest in the legal profession.

The winners of this year's Women in Law Awards will be announced at a black-tie evening on Friday, 20 October 2017, at the Sofitel Melbourne on Collins.



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The finalists for the 2017 Women in Law Awards are:

Academic of the Year

Marilyn Pittard, Faculty of Law, Monash University

Cathy Sherry, UNSW Law, UNSW Sydney

Chinelle van der Westhuizen, University of Notre Dame

Barrister of the Year

Dearne Firth

Dominique Hogan-Doran SC, Australian Bar

Katherine Brazenor, Victorian Bar

Laura Keily, Ninian Stephen Chambers

Boutique Diversity Law Firm of the Year

JHK Legal

NDA Law

Harmers Workplace Lawyers

Dealmaker of the Year

Gina Cass-Gottlieb, Gilbert + Tobin

Kylie Lane, Ashurst

Kylie de Oliveira, Clayton Utz

Meredith Paynter, King & Wood Mallesons

Julie Levis, Clayton Utz

Diversity Law Firm of the Year

Corrs Chambers Westgarth

Dentons

Herbert Smith Freehills

King & Wood Mallesons

Clayton Utz

Maddocks

LegalVision

Ashurst

Kreisson



Sue Kench, King & Wood Mallesons

Mary Digiglio, Swaab Attorneys

Kate Jordan, Clayton Utz

Jacqueline Keddie, Nexus Law Group

Janelle Kerrisk, Helix Legal

Andrea Michaels, NDA Law

Petra Stirling, Gilbert + Tobin

Chrissy Leontios, CLEON Legal and Mediation Services

Gina Szwider, Bespoke

Marianne Marchesi, Legalite

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Sheree Siow, AIA Australia

Kate Eastoe, oOh!media

Bronwyn Kerr, Atlas Iron Limited

Ilona Alsters, Ruralco Holdings Limited

Sarah Turner, REA Group Ltd

Katrina Johnson, Uber Asia Pacific

Paula Robinson, Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games Corporation

Sarah Tinsley, Australian Radio Network

Anna Lozynski, L'Oreal Australia & New Zealand

HR Professional of the Year

Leanda Nissen, Russell Kennedy Lawyers

Louise Ferris, McCullough Robertson

Maria Zoras-Christo, Patrick

Mary Lyras, MinterEllison

Clare Monger, K&L Gates

Kieran Naylor, Thynne + Macartney

Anna Quilter, Ashurst

Helen Calladine, Corrs Chambers Westgarth

Anne Reeves, Maurice Blackburn Lawyers

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Shanti Berggren, Singtel Optus

Charmaine Byrne, Westpac Banking Corporation

Olivia Perks, The University of Sydney

April Rich, Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games Corporation

Haylen Pong, Salmat

Tina Davey, AIA Australia

Jenny Taing, Vanguard Australia

Jane Lye, Australian Government Solicitor

Joanna Moore, The Royal Automobile Club of Queensland

Fiona Harding, Bank of Queensland

Tracey Scott, Football Federation Australia

Law Student of the Year

Marija Yelavich, Dare to Know Publications, Western Sydney University

Claudia Carr, Herbert Smith Freehills, Curtin University

Hannah Krieger, Community Legal Centres Queensland, University of Queensland

Jessica Popple, University of the Sunshine Coast Law Students' Association, University of the Sunshine Coast

Elizabeth Bruce, Cominos Family Lawyers, University of Sydney/LPAB

Alex Armstrong-Millar, Telstra, Western Sydney University

Courtney Rickersey, Griffith University

Stephanie Blancquart, UNSW Law, UNSW Sydney

Hannah McDonald, Monash University

Amy Bradley, University of Notre Dame

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Caitlin Chambers, MinterEllison

Anita Thompson, LOD - Lawyers On Demand

Krisanti Fisher, Dentons

Kathy Zmijewski, McDonald Murholme



Victoria Hepburn, MinterEllison

Emma Hodgman, DibbsBarker

Meda Royall, Your Law Firm

Sarah Frost, Herbert Smith Freehills

Bronwyn Lincoln, Corrs Chambers Westgarth

April Rich, Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games Corporation

Jane Hall, Ashurst

Monica Blizzard, KHQ Lawyers

Mary Still, Clayton Utz

Catherine Dunlop, Maddocks

Not-for-profit Lawyer of the Year

Kate Grant, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Service (Qld) Ltd

Angela Lynch, Women's Legal Service Queensland

Sharell O'Brien, North Queensland Women's Legal Service

Rosslyn Monro, Community Legal Centres Queensland

Helen Pearce, The Humanitarian Group

Ciara Daly, Aboriginal Legal Service

Sarah Dale, Refugee Advice & Casework Service (RACS)

Kimberly Randle, International Justice Mission Australia

Partner of the Year

Maree Skinner, DibbsBarker

Samantha O'Brien, DLA Piper

Karen Ingram, Clayton Utz

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Charlotte Yellowlees, Salvos Legal Humanitarian

Emily Schneider, Wotton + Kearney

Francesca Lai, Hall & Wilcox

Michelle Berry, Hall & Wilcox

Alexandra Pieniazek, King & Wood Mallets

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Erika Williams, McCullough Robertson

Alexandra Grayson, Maurice Blackburn Lawyers

Susan Accary, Slater and Gordon Lawyers

Wendy Hsu, Gilbert + Tobin

Karen Dwyer, Ashurst

Millie Richmond-Scott, MinterEllison

Jessica Norris, MinterEllison

Danielle Monti, K&L Gates

Maria Panos, Henry Davis York

Agata Bober, King & Wood Mallets

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Jennifer Hetherington, Hetherington Family Law

Despina Priala, Priala Legal

Marianne Marchesi, Legalite

Anne-Marie Cade, Divorce Right Pty Ltd

Kristi McCusker, KMC Legal

Dorota Bryks, Bryks Lawyers

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Rebecca Harper, Harpers Legal

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Ahranee Vijayaseelan, Hall & Wilcox

Catherine Boxhall, DibbsBarker

Jennifer Harris, Clayton Utz

Monique Carroll, King & Wood Mallesons

Jennifer Barron, Gilbert + Tobin

Arabella Dove, Ashurst

Venetia Bennett, K&L Gates

Kate Casellas, Clayton Utz

Felicity Saxon, Corrs Chambers Westgarth

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Kristy Perdriau, Perdriau Family Lawyers

Tricia Hobson, Norton Rose Fulbright

Cassandra Heilbronn, MinterEllison

Anne-Marie Cade, Divorce Right Pty Ltd

Andrea Michaels, NDA Law

Sarah Roach, Helix Legal

Chrissy Leontios, CLEON Legal and Mediation Services

Young Gun of the Year

Aleksandra Ilic, King & Wood Mallesons

Amy Zhang, Harmers Workplace Lawyers

Marina Kofman, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP

Anneka Frayne, Stacks Law Firm

Veronika Drago, Slater and Gordon Lawyers

Hannah Morris, Mills Oakley

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