

Key Note Speaker

Karen Smith
Crown Solicitor, BEc LLB LLM
NSW Crown Solicitors Office

Karen Smith commenced as the NSW Crown Solicitor on 15 April 2019. She is a senior government lawyer with expertise in public sector governance, administrative and criminal law, and the development of complex legislative proposals.

Karen has worked as a lawyer in the NSW Government for over 25 years, with experience working in central and line agencies and in litigation, advice and policy development



**Professor Jennifer Burn
NSW Interim Anti-Slavery Commissioner**

Jennifer Burn is the Interim Anti-Slavery Commissioner for NSW with responsibility to drive the implementation of the NSW Modern Slavery Act in readiness for its commencement. Jennifer is Professor of Law at the University of Technology Sydney (UTS) and former director of Anti-Slavery Australia at UTS, a research and policy centre with a legal practice dedicated to providing legal representation to men, women and children who have been trafficked and enslaved in Australia.



Jennifer's background as a human rights lawyer and academic with over 17 years' experience researching international and domestic law and policy relevant to human trafficking and slavery led to her active and influential involvement in the development of Australia's response to human trafficking and slavery. Since 2008 she has been an inaugural member of the Australian Government National Roundtable on Human Trafficking and Slavery.

Jennifer has received multiple awards recognising the significance of her work, including the 2016 UTS Medal for Research Impact.

Gabriela Christian-Hare
CEO
Australian Pro Bono Centre

Gabriela Christian-Hare was appointed Chief Executive Officer of the Australian Pro Bono Centre in May 2019. She was formerly Head of Policy and Strategy at the Centre for two years, assisting to lead a range of activities including the preparation of the Centre's 2019 Pro Bono Guide for Government Lawyers.



Previously, Gabriela practised law for over a decade with Clayton Utz in Sydney, Linklaters in London and Tokyo, and as in-house counsel for leading investment bank, Nomura International, in London. She gained not-for-profit sector leadership and on-the-ground policy development experience as Special Advisor to Head of Mission of Mr Tony Blair's Office of the Quartet Representative in Jerusalem and with UNHCR Damascus working on the Iraqi refugee crisis.

Dr Ashley Tsacalos
Partner
Clayton Utz

Dr Ashley Tsacalos is a dispute resolution and litigation lawyer based in Sydney with expertise in administrative law and insurance law, including contractual disputes, intellectual property disputes, negligence claims and other tortious claims generally. He is a leading adviser to government and an expert in royal commissions and inquiries and an authority on the government's "model litigant obligations".



He was ranked in a recent Chambers & Partners Asia-Pacific Guide in the Government Category and was described in a recent APL 500 as "brilliant" in the area of dispute resolution. He was also recently nominated as Government Partner of the Year in the Lawyers Weekly Partner of the Year Awards. He completed his Doctorate of Philosophy in Law at the University of Sydney in 2012 with a doctoral thesis on constitutional law and appellate advocacy.

Lyria Bennet Moses
Director of the Allens Hub for Technology, Law
Innovation, UNSW

Lyria is Director of the Allens Hub for Technology, Law and Innovation and a Professor in the Faculty of Law at UNSW Sydney.

Lyria has been a Key Researcher and Project Leader on the Data to Decisions CRC, exploring legal and policy issues surrounding the use of data and data analytics for defence, national security and law enforcement.

She is a member of the Editorial Board for Technology and Regulation and Law, Technology and Humans. Lyria is also Co-Chair of the Young Leadership Dialogue and Lead of the UNSW Grand Challenge on “Living with 21st Century Technology.”



Dominique Hogan-Doran SC

Dominique Hogan-Doran SC is a leading advocate and trusted advisor. She specialises in public inquiries involving governance and integrity issues, most recently appearing for various providers in the Aged Care Royal Commission, Roads and Maritime Services in ICAC Operation Ember, Commonwealth Bank of Australia in the Hayne Royal Commission, RSL LifeCare in the NSW Charitable Fundraising Inquiry, NSW Mine Subsidence Board in ICAC Operation Tunic, and Senator Arthur Sinodinos AO in ICAC Operations Credo and Spicer.



Dominique is a current member of the Chartered Accountants Australia & New Zealand's Professional Conduct Committee and the Australian Institute of Company Directors' Law Committee. She is also an experienced Trustee director, including serving on the boards of the philanthropic Menzies Foundation, industry super fund Club Plus Super, and the Australian Cricketers' Retirement Account.

Dominique has been recognised by: *The Best Lawyers in Australia 2020: Litigation* (2019); *Doyle's Guide to the Australian Legal Profession: Leading Commercial Litigation & Dispute Resolution Senior Counsel NSW* (2016, 2017, 2018, 2019), *Leading Mediators NSW* (2018, 2019); Winner, *Barrister of the Year, Australian Law Awards* (2016); Finalist, *Woman of the Year, Australian Women in Financial Services Awards* (2013).

Dominique is a past President of Australian Women Lawyers and the current Chair of the Australian Bar Association's Futures Committee.

Michael Selinger
Partner
Holding Redlich

Michael is a partner in the Holding Redlich Sydney office and practices in all areas of workplace relations with a special focus on work health and safety.

Michael has extensive litigation experience in employment disputes and defending work health and safety prosecutions. Before joining Holding Redlich, Michael's practice included acting on behalf of WorkCover NSW in prosecuting breaches of the safety legislation



Dr Howard Bell OAM
Principal Lawyer
Department of Finance, Services and Innovation

Dr Howard Bell OAM is a NSW government lawyer, an Accredited Specialist in Public Law and is currently a principal lawyer within the NSW Department of Customer Service. He currently sits on the Law Society's Public Law Committee and Government Lawyer's Committees



A passionate supporter of charities and the homeless community, Howard currently sits as a volunteer Director on the Board of Shelter NSW. He volunteers as a human rights and social justice teacher at WEA-Sydney and also sits on WEA's Council and Board.

Peter Leonard
Principal at Data Synergies
and Professor of Practice
UNSW Business School

Peter Leonard is a Sydney based data and technology business lawyer consulting as Data Synergies to data driven businesses. Many of his clients are data analytics services providers and large corporate and government agencies implementing data driven projects.



Peter was a founding partner of Gilbert + Tobin and is now a Professor of Practice (Information Systems and Business Law) in the University of New South Wales Business School. Peter chairs the Australian IoT (Internet of Things) Alliance's Data Access and Use workstream, the Law Society of New South Wales Privacy and Data Law Committee and the Australian Computer Society's Artificial Intelligence and Ethics Technical Committee

Malcolm Heath
Legal Risk Manager
Lawcover

Malcolm Heath assists legal practices to reduce their exposure to professional negligence claims by conducting claims causation analyses, comprehensive risk reviews, law practice visits, practitioner consultations, action plans and follow-up reviews. He regularly presents on a broad range of risk management topics to practitioners in the legal industry.



Elizabeth Tydd
Chief Executive Officer and Information
Commissioner NSW, Information and Privacy
Commission NSW Open Data Advocate



Elizabeth Tydd is the NSW Information Commissioner, Open Data Advocate and CEO of the Information and Privacy Commission. As a statutory appointee and executive leader Elizabeth has implemented regulatory reform across legal, public, NFP and commercial sectors.

Elizabeth Tydd was appointed NSW Information Commissioner and CEO of the Information and Privacy Commission NSW in 2013. In April 2016, in addition to her current role, she was appointed NSW Open Data Advocate. Ms Tydd has extensive regulatory and governance experience at an executive and Board level, in a range of jurisdictions and industries including commercial, not for profit and public sector oversight.

Ms Tydd holds a Bachelor of Laws and Master of Laws from the University of Technology Sydney, as well as post graduate certificates in executive management and governance. She has occupied a number of significant statutory roles, including Deputy President of the NSW Workers Compensation Commission and Deputy Chairperson of the former Consumer Trader and Tenancy Tribunal.

Francisco Esparraga
BJuris (UNSW) LLB (UNSW) LLM (USyd), Senior Lecturer

Francisco Esparraga has extensive experience in across various legal areas, both in private and government practice. In his early legal career, he worked at the Privacy Committee within the Attorney-General's Department of NSW; SBS Television and the Department of Territories and Local Government in Canberra. On returning to Sydney, he spent many years in the Department of Veterans' Affairs and several years at the Independent Commission Against Corruption.



In more recent years, he has worked in private practice and been a part-time Member of the Consumer Trader Tenancy Tribunal. He is a Foundation Member of the Australian Institute of Administrative Law, as well as a Member of the Mediation Committee and Treasurer of the Academic and Professional Development Committee of the International Bar Association.

Mr Esparraga's research speciality is Administrative Law but he also has experience teaching Alternative Dispute Resolution Legal Research and Writing, Contracts Law, Corporations Law, Torts and the Law of Evidence. He has lectured at every Law School in Sydney as well as internationally, including Universities in New York, Boston, Glasgow, London, Barcelona, Madrid and Sevilla.