



Melinda Upton

Chair, Minds Count and Member of the Board of the Corporate Mental Health Alliance (Australia)

With a career spanning over 25 years, the last 15 in senior leadership roles in global businesses, Melinda is no stranger to the pressures of a fast-paced corporate life. She has been at the forefront of intellectual property law in FMCG, technology and health sectors, led a team of over 500 lawyers across 25 countries and importantly, been responsible for the bottom line of a sizeable division of a \$2b global law firm.

It is through this path her focus on the alignment between strategic corporate objectives and culture and values stems. How does business thrive by putting the wellbeing of its people ahead of its shareholders?

So passionate on the topic, Melinda moved from advocate to activator, establishing DLA Piper's first bespoke mental health and wellbeing program, SPEAK, in collaboration with Dr Mina Candalepas. Soon after, she was appointed founding Chair of DLA Piper's International Health & Wellbeing Steering Committee, providing a platform to raise awareness about mental ill health and help drive positive change across the legal industry and the corporate landscape.

Melinda currently serves as Chair of Minds Count and a member of the Board of the Corporate Mental Health Alliance (Australia). She also served as a member of Board of The Arts Health Institute focussed on the integration of the arts into all aspects of health and age care environments. Melinda holds degrees in Commerce and Law and is a member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

Together with her husband and two teenagers, Melinda lives in Sydney and has a love of all things fitness, and has a particularly impressive right hook!



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