

# LEGAL COUNSEL SUMMIT NSW

EQUIPPING IN-HOUSE LEGAL COUNSEL WITH UNMATCHED INSIGHTS

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 19TH, 2025

DOLTONE HOUSE, HYDE PARK, SYDNEY



## SPEAKERS



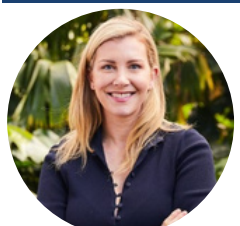
**LEE CASTLETON**  
Former Subpostmaster & Current Victim of the UK Post Office Scandal



**REBECCA WADDELL**  
Head of Legal AUNZ



**ELENA CHAN**  
Chief Financial Officer, Chief Risk Officer & General Counsel



**CANDICE HEGGELUND**  
Chief Legal Officer



**PETRA STIRLING**  
Director, Operations, Risk and Transformation



**NERILEE TELFORD**  
Group General Counsel - Australian Food & Competition

## KEY TOPICS

- The evolving role of the GC in driving better business decisions
- Legal efficiency hacks : tips and tricks to supercharge productivity across the team
- The two-sided coin : AI's opportunities and legal implications
- Developing effective legal incident response management

## WHO WILL ATTEND?

- Chief Legal Officers
- General Counsel
- Heads of Legal
- Heads of Legal Operations
- Heads of Privacy
- Managing Partner
- Practice Group Leader

# SUMMIT AGENDA

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## 8:30 REGISTRATION, COFFEE & NETWORKING

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## 9:00 WELCOME REMARKS FROM CHAIRPERSON

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## 9:10 OPENING KEYNOTE : ELEVATING LEGAL AS A STRATEGIC FORCE IN A MULTI BILLION DOLLAR PROJECT

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## 9:40 PANEL DISCUSSION: THE EVOLVING ROLE OF THE GC IN DRIVING BETTER BUSINESS DECISIONS

- The evolution of in-house counsel - from legal to compliance, risk, corporate affairs, finance and beyond
- Adapting to the cultural shift and embracing transformation
- Demonstrating the value of the legal department

**David Cullen**, Group General Counsel, AMP

**Candice Heggelund**, Chief Legal Officer, Guzman y Gomez

**Elena Chan**, Chief Financial Officer, Chief Risk Officer & General Counsel, Beforepay

**Kate Sherburn**, Legal Beagle (Head of Legal), Who Gives A Crap

**Peter Baculak**, Group General Counsel, Company Secretary & Executive, Competitive Holdings International

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## 10:20 CASE STUDY: AI 'S ROLE IN SUPPORTING COUNSEL'S STRATEGIC VALUE

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## 10:50 SPEED NETWORKING

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## 11:00 MORNING TEA & NETWORKING

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## 11:30 PANEL DISCUSSION: LEGAL EFFICIENCY HACKS : TIPS & TRICKS TO SUPERCHARGE PRODUCTIVITY ACROSS THE TEAM

- Setting the legal function up for success
- Assessing and building the ideal legal team for your business
- Working as efficiently as possible - prioritisation, early engagement, managing workloads and contract automation

**Deborah Hook**, Director Legal Operations, University of Sydney

**Petra Stirling**, Director, Operations, Risk and Transformation, Westpac

**Nerilee Telford**, General Counsel - Australian Food & Competition, Woolworths

**Nicole Derry**, General Counsel, SUEZ

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## 12:10 CASE STUDY: DERIVING INSIGHTS FROM DATA TO AID INVESTIGATIONS

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## 12:40 LUNCH & NETWORKING

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### 1:30 INTERACTIVE WORKSHOPS

- Securing a positive outcome with a cyber incident response plan that reduces reputational harm
- Assessing ESC risk exposure whilst harnessing new opportunities for the business
- Strategic M&A: enhancing in-house counsel efficiency in complex and high-stakes transactions
- Navigating the complexities of employment law for the modern workplace
- Managing regulatory investigations and reporting in relation to greenwashing
- Getting prepared for amendments to the Data Privacy Act
- Strategies for navigating the intersection of tech, innovation and regulation
- Aligning corporate governance with evolving regulatory best practices to minimise disruption

## 2:10 PANEL DISCUSSION: THE TWO-SIDED COIN : AI'S OPPORTUNITIES & LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- Navigating legal, compliance and risk for safe AI adoption and ensuring business value
- Emerging regulation and being prepared through information governance
- The importance of ensuring privacy and protecting intellectual property

**Michelle Chung**, General Counsel SEO, Legal & Regulatory Group, NBN

**Harry Knight**, Senior Legal Counsel, Intellectual Property, Xero

**Rebecca Waddell**, Head of Legal AUNZ, TikTok

**Nick Sedgwick**, Group General Counsel, Laser Clinics

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## 2:50 FIRESIDE CHAT : BUILDING A COMPLIANCE-FIRST CULTURE : STRATEGIES FOR IN-HOUSE COUNSEL

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## 3:20 AFTERNOON TEA & NETWORKING

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## 3:40 CLOSING FIRESIDE CHAT: UNCOVERING INJUSTICE : A SUB POSTMASTER'S FIGHT AGAINST THE UK POST OFFICE SCANDAL

- The story of former subpostmaster, Lee Castleton, who was wrongfully convicted in the UK Post Office Scandal, and his ongoing fight against injustice
- An open and honest first-hand account of the best and worst aspects of the legal profession

**Lee Castleton**, Former Subpostmaster & Current Victim of the UK Post Office Scandal

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## 4:10 CLOSING REMARKS & NETWORKING DRINKS

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## 5:20 EVENT END

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