

# LEGAL COUNSEL SUMMIT NSW

EQUIPPING IN-HOUSE LEGAL COUNSEL WITH UNMATCHED INSIGHTS

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 19TH, 2025

DOLTONE HOUSE, HYDE PARK, SYDNEY



## SPEAKERS



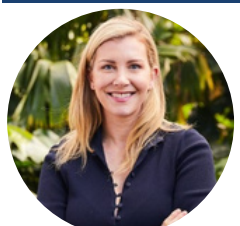
**LEE CASTLETON**  
Former Subpostmaster & Current Victim of the UK Post Office Scandal



**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 : ASIC'S 2025 ENFORCEMENT PRIORITIES & EMERGING CONSUMER PROTECTION ISSUES

Sarah Court, Deputy Chair, ASIC

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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
- ESG and director duties: Managing risks, opportunities and reporting obligations
- Strategic M&A: enhancing in-house counsel efficiency in complex and high-stakes transactions
- Navigating the complexities of employment law for the modern workplace
- 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

Felicity Drexel, Head of Intellectual Property Legal, Canva

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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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