

Legal Counsel Summit VIC

📅 20 August 2025 📍 Marvel Stadium - Horizon & Stark Room

FEATURED SPEAKERS



Kevin Richardson

Member of the Exonerated Five
(Central Park Five)



Richard Fleming

General Counsel



Australian Government



eSafety
Commissioner



Samantha Haeusler

General Counsel, Technology,
Data & Procurement



Emily Arnberg

Deputy General Counsel, Office of
the General Counsel - Defence



Australian Government
Department of Defence



Richard Holbeach

General Counsel, Company Secretary
& Chief Privacy Officer



Healthscope



Gerry Farrell

General Counsel, Corporate



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



AI truths: Legal's role in
fast, ethical innovation



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

Legal Counsel Summit VIC

AGENDA

8:30AM REGISTRATION & REFRESHMENTS

9:00AM WELCOME REMARKS

9:10AM OPENING KEYNOTE

Embracing Disruption : In-House Counsel's Crucial Role in Driving Innovation

Richard Fleming, General Counsel, eSafety Commissioner

9:40AM 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

Richard Holbeach, General Counsel, Company Secretary & Chief Privacy Officer, Healthscope
Diana Valentine, Special Counsel & Regularly Acting General Counsel, Ambulance Victoria
Samantha Haeusler, General Counsel, Technology, Data & Procurement, ANZ Bank
Kate Ingber, Executive General Manager, Legal & Business Affairs, Cricket Australia

10:20AM CASE STUDY

GC Strategies in Navigating a Cost Constrained Environment

Evan Wong, Co-Founder & CEO, Checkbox.ai

10:50AM MORNING TEA & NETWORKING

11:20AM INTERACTIVE

Simulation Scenario: The current geopolitical landscape and it's legal implications

11:40AM 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
- Identifying key indications that legal processes need to be evolved before inefficiencies become major roadblocks
- What skills are required in the modern legal team and approaches to developing new capabilities

Litsa Tsitsis, General Counsel & Head of Compliance, HESTA
Mario Briffa, General Counsel & Executive Director, Legal & Governance, WorkSafe Victoria
Emily Arnberg, Deputy General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel - Defence, Department of Defence
Kristen Boulton, Principal Counsel, Afterpay
Moderator: Charlotte Pache, Senior Vice President, International Court Reporting, Epiq

12:20PM PRESENTATION

Legal as a Business Function: Reframing Legal's Role in Driving Business Growth

Shaun Plant, Chief Legal Officer & Evangelist, LawVu

12:50PM LUNCH & NETWORKING

1:30PM INTERACTIVE WORKSHOPS

- How in-house counsel can drive stronger governance and support safe innovation of AI across the organisation
- Seamless signature integration to fast-track legal approvals
- Moving beyond copilots: how legal teams can have real-world impact with AI
- Future-proofing legal teams with adaptive ways of working
- Strengthen controls, change behaviour, and see ROI with AI-enhanced compliance training
- The tyranny of costs - choosing your priorities on a limited spend

2:10PM PANEL DISCUSSION

AI Truths: Legal's Role in Fast, Ethical Innovation

- Unpacking recent regulatory developments shaping how AI can be deployed in business
- Practical strategies for mitigating privacy, ethical, and compliance risks - without slowing down innovation
- AI's role in supporting legal teams of the future to enhance performance - understanding how to maximise impact

Gerry Farrell, General Counsel, Corporate, Orica
Cam Beck, Head of Legal - Candidate & Connect, SEEK
Tim Guy, General Counsel - Customer & Product, REA Group
Marc Nethercot, Global Legal Operations Manager, Nutrien
Moderator: Veronica Rios, Director, Global Associations & Strategic Partnerships, LexisNexis

2:50PM PRESENTATION

AI Insights – Lessons Learned & Practical Insights into Harnessing the Power of GenAI

Phil Smith, Managing Director - Technology, FTI Consulting

3:20PM AFTERNOON TEA & NETWORKING

3:40PM KEYNOTE

The Central Park Five: A Case That Shook the System

- Kevin Richardson, one of the Exonerated Five, was wrongfully convicted at 14 in the 1989 Central Park jogger case and spent over 5 years in prison.
- His story, featured in Netflix's When They See Us, highlights systemic failures in the justice system. He will share his firsthand account and its impact on legal reform.

Kevin Richardson, Member of the Exonerated Five (Central Park Five)
Moderator: Fleur Katsmartin, Chief Legal Officer & Corporate Secretary, The Royal Melbourne Hospital

4:20PM CLOSING REMARKS FOLLOWED BY NETWORKING DRINKS

5:20PM EVENT CONCLUDES