

19 MANAGING PARTNERS FORUM

19 & 20 February 2026

JW Marriott Resort & Spa | Gold Coast ~ QLD

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About Chilli IQ

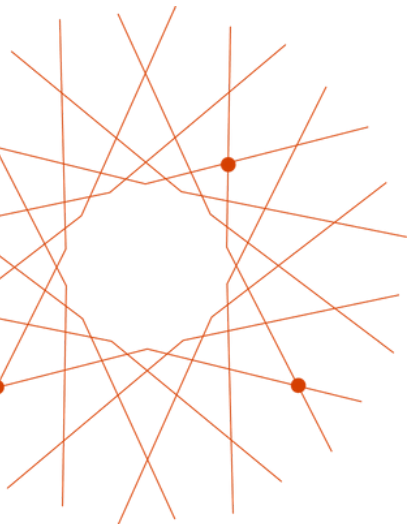
We are a prominent organiser of conferences and summits dedicated to uniting brilliant minds with enthusiastic learners in inspiring venues.

Chilli IQ boasts many years of collective experience in designing and developing innovative conferences and summits tailored for the evolving business landscape. However, it's not just our experience that sets us apart; it's our approach. We prioritize quality and ensure that every component of our events reflects this commitment—be it the selection of speakers, the venue, or our meticulous attention to detail.

Our primary goal is to lead the knowledge delivery sector, and as this is an ever-changing process, we continuously explore new paths and adapt to ensure we never become complacent. We strive to guarantee that everyone involved in the Chilli IQ conference experience—whether they are delegates, speakers, sponsors, or endorsing associations—maximises their investment and gains a deeper understanding of the selected business theme.

The **Managing Partners Forum** has reached its nineteenth year and has positioned itself as the premier event for legal leaders in strategy, leadership, and technology across the Asia-Pacific region.

It is Chilli IQ's unwavering commitment over nearly two decades to excellence in producing events for law firm leaders and partners that establishes the legal industry's trust in the quality of each event we create. With guidance from our knowledgeable advisory panel, we carefully select speakers and topics that enhance the role of legal leaders and equip them for improved future planning.



Advisory Panel

In order to best represent the interests and needs of the legal profession, we have assembled some of the most prominent legal leaders and thinkers to form the **2026 Advisory Panel** that assists with the direction and planning of topics for the **19th Managing Partners Forum**.

Our esteemed panelists include:



Alison Deitz
Chief Executive Partner
**NORTON ROSE
FULBRIGHT**



Sam Nickless
Chief Executive Officer &
Partner
GILBERT + TOBIN



Renae Lattey
Chief Executive Partner - Australia
KING & WOOD MALLESONS



Kris Hopkins
Chief Executive Officer
HWL EBSWORTH



Kristin Stammer
Executive Partner
**HERBERT SMITH
FREEHILLS KRAMER**



David Kearney
Chief Executive Partner
WOTTON + KEARNEY

Navigating the next era of law

Technology + people + clients

As we look ahead to 2026, the legal profession stands at an inflection point. Technological acceleration—especially in artificial intelligence—rising client expectations and fast-moving regulatory frameworks are reshaping how legal services are delivered, valued, and governed.

Competitiveness now hinges on agility: the ability to adapt business models, talent strategies, and operational workflows with speed and purpose. In this environment, embracing change is not optional; it is the prerequisite for resilience, relevance, and sustainable growth.

The 19 Managing Partners Forum programme will examine the forces redefining our landscape: the practical deployment of AI and emerging technologies; the future of work and talent in a multigenerational workforce; evolving regimes in data privacy, cybersecurity, and cross-border regulation; and the strategic imperative of environmental sustainability.

The Managing Partners Forum brings together managing partners and industry innovators to map and understand what is over the horizon. It is a unique opportunity to gain personal, practical insights as a managing partner—and join peers to exchange experiences that set the course for 2026 and beyond

“ There is nothing permanent except change

Heraclitus

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Event Topics

Our global economic landscape

- Volatility in the global economy, including trade tensions and financial markets, impact client strategies and legal needs.
- How do law firms best navigate these uncertainties to provide relevant and timely advice to our clients?

Everything you wanted to know about AI but were afraid to ask

- Innovation and integration into practice
- Hallucinations, accuracy and risk (the recent Deloitte situation as an example)
- How AI is shaping talent development in the long term
- Ethical and regulatory considerations
- Pricing and client expectations on service delivery

AI : Operational Maturity and Scaling

- Lessons learned from AI pilots
- Integrating AI into knowledge, practice, & business systems.
- Governance frameworks, data readiness and ethical considerations at scale.

Data breaches & Cyber Incidents (through the lens of working with clients)

- What are you doing to prepare to respond to a cyber incident?
- The prevalence of cyber incidents continue to increase. How do we best support / partner with clients on this?
- How are clients balancing investing in cybersecurity with other business priorities?
- Consumer class actions and litigation expenses, with emerging risks related to data breaches and privacy law changes

Wellbeing: switching off to Lead on

- Clear minds, better outcomes: enhancing mental health is imperative in this fast changing world
- learning that wellbeing is a law firm issue

The future of work

- Workforce talent planning
- Culture and collaboration in a hybrid environment

The Evolving Client-Law Firm Relationship

- How in-house teams are adopting and expecting AI-driven value.
- Collaboration between firms and clients to co-create technology-led solutions.
- Case studies of client impact and joint innovation initiatives.

People, Culture, and Capability Building

- Redefining legal work: new roles, upskilling, and mindset shifts.
- How leaders are managing change, fear and opportunity across teams.
- Partner of the future.

Client and Sector trends

- **The rise of Data Centres** - this expansion is driven by AI demand. It also intersects with Australia's energy transition goals. Data centres are predicted to increase consumption of grid supplied electricity over the next 5 years.
- **Energy Transition:** A spotlight on Solar Farms, Digital Infrastructure and/or Smart Cities, Australia's EV adoption and new entrants into the Australian market

Client Value and Competitive Advantage

- How firms are using AI to enhance client outcomes, not just internal efficiency.
- Pricing, value-based billing, and new service models enabled by AI.
- How to talk to clients about AI.

Invited Speakers

The following speakers have been invited for their expertise and knowledge on the chosen topics:

International

Ethan Mollick Ralph J. Roberts Distinguished Faculty Scholar, Rowan Fellow & Associate Professor **Wharton School - University of Pennsylvania**

Mr. Tan Ken Hwee Chief Transformation and Innovation Officer
Singapore Courts

Professor Dan Hunter Executive Dean **Dickson Poon School of Law**
King's College London

National

Aruna Sathanapally Chief Executive Officer **Grattan Institute** *confirmed*

Dr Kristy Goodwin Neuro Performance Scientist *confirmed*

Professor Kai Riemer Information Technology and Organisation & Director, Sydney Executive Plus **University of Sydney**

Jason Inacio Partner **McKinsey & Company**

Elizabeth Broderick Founder & Convenor **Champions of Change**

Russell Mailler Chief Executive Partner **HWL Ebsworth Lawyers**

Renee Branson Founder **RB Consulting**

new
format

- Keynote sessions
- Spotlight talks
- AI Learning Lab
- TechTalks

Who should Attend

This event has been exclusively produced to address the function and capacity of the following position holders from mid-tier to large law firms:

- Managing Partners (current and imminent)
- Executive Committee members including Chief Executive Officers; Chairpersons; Chief Operation Officers
- Senior Partners with an eye towards Management
- General Counsel from leading organisations

Event Brief

EVENT NAME: 19TH MANAGING PARTNERS FORUM

EVENT DATE: Thursday 19 & Friday 20 February 2026

VENUE: JW MARRIOTT GOLD COAST - RESORT & SPA

EVENT ADDRESS: 158 Ferny Ave, Surfers Paradise QLD 4217

PHONE NUMBER: Main Line: (07) 5592 9800

CONFERENCE TIMING:

DAY 1: Thursday 19 February 2026

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION: 10:00AM- 10.30AM REGISTRATION

CONFERENCE TIMING: 10.30AM- 5:30PM

CONFERENCE FREE TIME 5:30PM - 6:30PM

DINNER & DRINKS: 6:30PM - 9:30PM

DAY 2: Friday 20 February 2026

CONFERENCE TIMING: 9:00AM- 2:00 PM

DRESS REQUIREMENTS: SMART CASUAL

ACCOMMODATION:

Venue: JW Marriott Gold Coast Resort & Spa

Address: 158 Ferny Ave, Surfers Paradise QLD 4217 - (07) 5592 9800

Accommodation can be booked via 2 ways

1. As part of your delegate registration

Until the 20.12.2025 we will be including accommodation in the delegate rate this will also include nights pre and post the event. To know more please contact kathy.katrivesis@thomsonreuters.com

2. Via the online link - [Book your group rate for 19th Managing Partners Forum Feb2026](#)

The hotel is offering a special group rate:

JW Marriott Gold Coast Resort & Spa for 365.00 AUD per night (including breakfast

or call Reservation Team directly on 07 5592 9800 or via email reservations.goldcoast@jwmarriott.com should you require any assistance at all with the booking link.

Registration Pricing + Inclusions

Early Bird Standard - VALID TILL 20.12.2025

CONFERENCE 2 DAY PASS + ACCOMMODATION*

\$2,200 + GST

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

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INCLUSIONS

- 1 night accommodation
- (Thursday 19th February 2026)
- 2-Day Conference Pass
- Conference luncheon & refreshments
- Networking dinner & Drinks
- Delegate bag
- Exhibition Pass

Early Bird Standard Delegate Pass - VALID TILL 20.12.2025

CONFERENCE - 2DAY PASS

\$1,899 + GST

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ACCOMMODATION : JW MARRIOTT RESORT & SPA

\$331.82 + GST (BREAKFAST INCLUDED)

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[ONLINE ACCOMMODATION LINK](#)

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Accommodation: Additional nights can be booked via emailing kathy.katrivesis@thomsonreuters.com or via the online link

Consultant Rate

\$4,995 + GST

please note that this rate is not for vendors or solutions providers, if you would like to sponsor the event please contact george.kat@chilliiq.com.au.

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Solution providers

If you are a solution provider please contact george.kat@chilliiq.com.au for more information about securing a partnership package to be involved at the event.

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