

# ELEVATE :

Navigating the strategic  
path to Partnership

29 July 2026 - Sydney

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**Chilli IQ**

Connecting leaders + ideas

# 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.

Building on nearly two decades of experience producing the Managing Partners Forum, Chilli IQ brings deep insight, trusted networks and a proven understanding of the issues shaping law firm leadership to ELEVATE. Now in its nineteenth year, the Managing Partners Forum has become a leading event for legal leaders across the Asia-Pacific region, with a strong focus on strategy, leadership, innovation and technology.

That same expertise now informs the development of ELEVATE — a purpose-built event designed to support the next generation of legal leaders as they navigate the pathway to partnership. With guidance from Chilli IQ's knowledgeable advisory panel and long-standing connections across the legal profession, ELEVATE brings together carefully selected speakers, highly relevant topics and practical insights.

The programme is designed to equip aspiring partners and emerging leaders with the knowledge, perspective and confidence needed to understand the expectations of partnership, build their leadership capability, strengthen their personal brand and contribute meaningfully to the future success of their firms.

# Advisory Panel

To ensure the event reflects the real challenges, priorities, and aspirations of the legal profession's emerging partners, we have invited a distinguished group of senior legal leaders and industry thinkers to form the Advisory Panel.

Drawing on their experience and insight, the panel will help guide the direction of the conference and shape the key themes, topics, and discussions most relevant to lawyers navigating the pathway to partnership.

**Our esteemed panellists include:**



**Hanaan Indari**  
Managing Partner  
**CARROLL & O'DEA**



**Kris Hopkins**  
Chief Executive Officer  
**HWL EBSWORTH**



**David Kearney**  
Chief Executive Partner  
**WOTTON + KEARNEY**



**John Nerurker**  
Chief Executive Officer  
**MILLS OAKLEY**

# About the event theme

## The Strategic Path to Partnership: Tools for Sustainable Success

ELEVATE – Navigating the Path to Partnership is a purposeful and timely event for lawyers who are ready to think strategically about their progression toward partnership and leadership. Partnership is not simply a legal promotion; it is a business role that requires commercial awareness, client insight, financial literacy, leadership capability, and the ability to contribute meaningfully to the growth and sustainability of a firm.

While technical excellence remains essential, it is no longer sufficient on its own. Future partners must understand not only the law, but also clients, people, technology, profitability, and the broader business of legal practice.

This event will explore what lawyers need to do now to position themselves for future partnership. Key discussions will focus on why business development must begin well before a lawyer is "ready" for partnership, how to build visibility within a firm, and why internal sponsors, mentors, and advocates can play a critical role in career advancement. Attendees will also gain insight into the importance of leadership, delegation, relationship-building, and developing the confidence to operate as both a trusted legal adviser and a future business leader.

ELEVATE will also consider the responsibility of firms to create clearer, more inclusive, transparent, and sustainable pathways to partnership. For ambitious lawyers, this is an opportunity to better understand the expectations, unwritten rules, and practical skills required to move forward with intention. The event is designed to be both insightful and actionable, equipping attendees with the perspective, tools, and motivation to take ownership of their path and prepare for the evolving demands of partnership.

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**He who would learn to  
fly one day ...  
must first learn to stand  
and walk.**

— Friedrich Nietzsche—

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**ELEVATE is designed for legal professionals who are beginning to think seriously about partnership and want to better understand the skills, behaviours and strategic mindset required to progress.**

**This event is particularly relevant for:**

- **Senior associates** preparing for the next stage of their career
- **Special counsel, counsel and managing associates** considering the pathway to partnership
- **Newly appointed partners** seeking to strengthen their leadership, commercial and business development capability
- **Emerging legal leaders** who want to build confidence, visibility and influence within their firm
- **Lawyers** looking to develop their personal brand, client relationships and commercial awareness
- **Practice group leaders, talent leaders and professional development teams** supporting future partner development
- **Law firm leaders** interested in creating clearer, more sustainable and inclusive pathways to partnership

**ELEVATE is relevant for all those who want to move beyond technical excellence and begin developing the commercial, leadership and relationship-building capabilities needed to succeed as future partners.**

# REGISTRATION PRICING + INCLUSIONS

## Standard Delegate Pass

**\$995.00**

### INCLUSIONS

- 1-Day Conference Pass
- Conference luncheon & refreshments
- Networking & Drinks
- Delegate bag
- Exhibition Pass

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## Further information

**DATE :** 29 July 2026

**VENUE:** **Four Seasons**  
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The Rocks NSW 2000, Australia  
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For any enquiries for GROUP DISCOUNTS or If you are a solution provider please contact [george.kat@chilliq.com.au](mailto:george.kat@chilliq.com.au) for more information about securing a partnership package to be involved at the event.

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