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MANAGING PARTNERS FORUM - BOUTIQUE FIRMS

20 May 2025 ~ W Melbourne

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ABOUT CHILLI IQ

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We are a leading creator of conferences and summits who aim to bring together great minds with avid learners amongst the thought-inspiring atmosphere of leading venues.

Chilli IQ has many years of collective experience in the area of creating and developing innovative conferences and summits for the changing business environment. This is not though what differentiates us from the crowd, what makes us unique is our modus operandi. We value quality and strive to ensure that every aspect of our events reflects this – from the choice of speakers, the venue and the genuine attention to detail.

Our main objective is to lead the field in the area of knowledge delivery and as this is a fluid process we are constantly seeking new avenues and evolving to make sure we never just settle. We ensure that all who partake in the Chilli IQ conference experience – whether it be as a delegate, a speaker, a sponsor or an endorsing association – maximise their investment and attain a higher level of understanding and awareness of the chosen business theme.

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 2025 Advisory Panel that assists with the direction and planning of topics for the 11th Managing Partners Forum - Boutique Firms

Our esteemed panelists include:



MELISSA LYON
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR &
EXPERIENCE DESIGNER
HIVE LEGAL



MARY DIGIGLIO
MANAGING PARTNER
SWAAB



WARREN KALINKO
CEO
KEYPOINT LAW



MICHELLE VAN NIEKERK
GENERAL MANAGER
**HICKS OAKLEY CHESSELL
WILLIAMS**

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ABOUT THE EVENT : THEME

UNDERSTAND. ADAPT. THRIVE

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It is change, continuing change, inevitable change, that is the dominant factor in society today.

No sensible decision can be made any longer without taking into account not only the world as it is, but the world as it will be.

Issac Asimov

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The legal sector is in the midst of a profound transformation, driven by the rapid pace of technological progress, shifting client expectations, and an increasingly complex regulatory environment. To stay ahead of the curve and ensure their continued relevance, law firms and legal organizations must develop a culture of adaptability and resilience. In this new era, embracing change is not just a strategic choice, but a fundamental requirement for success and sustainability in the legal industry.

As the legal sector grapples with change - including a significant transformation in its workforce, driven by technological innovation, economic changes, and recent events. Law firm leaders face challenges in managing multi-generational teams, adapting to new billing models, and upskilling employees. To remain competitive, they must prioritize employee satisfaction and well-being, and leverage technology and innovation to drive business success. By embracing these changes, law firms can turn challenges into opportunities and achieve growth and sustainability in a rapidly changing landscape.

These relevant topics will be addressed throughout the day at the event by expert speakers and thought leaders at the upcoming 11th Managing Partners Forum for Boutique Firms. Over the last eleven years it has provided an opportunity for collaboration, learning, and knowledge exchange over an enriching day and is a must attend event for law firm leaders.

WHAT YOU WILL LEARN

The 11th Managing Partners Forum | Boutique Firms programme will be focussing on:

- **Generational Change:** Understanding the impact of Gen Z on the future of work
- **Cyber Security:** Law firm cyber incident response and management
- **Talent and Culture:** Attracting and retaining top talent in the legal industry
- **Succession:** what are the options for lawyers. How are firms dealing with succession and how do you value your firm?
- **Wellbeing:** Supporting the mental and physical health of lawyers, understanding its deeper importance as a whole
- **Financial Management:** Strategies for Success in a Boutique Setting
- **Don't Fear Change, Play With It:** Reinventing Adaptability in the Modern Workplace
- **Generative AI Masterclass:** Practical Tools, Ethical Guidance & Legal Use Cases

INVITED SPEAKERS

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

DARA SIMKIN FOUNDER **CULTURE HERO** *CONFIRMED*

TESSA VAN DUYN CEO & PRACTICE LEADER **MOORES** *CONFIRMED*

YARON FINKELSTEIN FOUNDING PARTNER **SOCIETY ADVISORY**

ADRIENNE TRUMBULL PRINCIPAL **HIVE LEGAL** *CONFIRMED*

CARLIE ANDREWS SENIOR ASSOCIATE **HIVE LEGAL** *CONFIRMED*

TRUDY MACDONALD FOUNDER & MANAGING DIRECTOR **TALENTCODE HR**

DAKS SADARANGANI CO-FOUNDER & CEO **AIUNLOCKED** *CONFIRMED*

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, Chief Finance Officers
- Senior Partners with an eye towards Management
- General Counsel from leading organisations
- Partners interested in the management role of a law firm

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

8:30 - 9:00

REGISTRATIONS OPEN

9:00-9:15

OPENING REMARKS FROM THE CHAIR :

9:15 -10:15

SESSION ONE

DON'T FEAR CHANGE, PLAY WITH IT: REINVENTING ADAPTABILITY IN THE MODERN WORKPLACE

Adaptability isn't a nice-to-have, it's your edge. In a world where client demands and Gen Z expectations evolve faster than ever, legal professionals need more than logic to thrive. They need imagination, curiosity, and the courage to experiment. That's where play comes in. Research shows what takes 400 repetitions through rote learning can take just 10 when play is involved. Join Australia's leading Play at Work expert, Dara Simkin, for a dynamic session on how collaboration and play can rewire your brain for change. You'll walk away with science-backed, practical tools to lead through uncertainty and enjoy it through the process.

DARA SIMKIN FOUNDER CULTURE HERO

10:5 -10:30

TECH TALK

THE IMPORTANCE OF DATA AND DOCUMENT DRAFTABLE

110:30 -11:15

SESSION TWO

GENERATIONAL CHANGE:

Understanding the impact of Gen Z on the future of work

TESSA VAN DUYN CEO & PRACTICE LEADER MOORES

11:15- 11:45

BREAK

MORNING BREAK AND TIME TO CHAT

11:45 - 12:30

SESSION THREE

SUCCESSION: WHAT ARE THE OPTIONS FOR LAWYERS.

How are firms dealing with succession and how do you value your firm?

12:30 -13:15

SESSION FOUR

WELLBEING: THRIVING IN THE WORKPLACE

Supporting the mental and physical health of lawyers, understanding its deeper importance as a whole

ADRIENNE TRUMBULL PRINCIPAL HIVE LEGAL

CARLIE ANDREWS SENIOR ASSOCIATE HIVE

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

13:15 - 14:00
BREAK

LUNCH BREAK AND TIME TO CHAT

14:00 - 14:30
SESSION FIVE

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT: STRATEGIES FOR SUCCESS IN A BOUTIQUE SETTING

14:30 - 15:15
SESSION SIX

CYBER SECURITY: LAW FIRM CYBER INCIDENT RESPONSE AND MANAGEMENT

15:15 - 15:35
BREAK

AFTERNOON BREAK AND TIME TO CHAT

15:35 - 17:15
SESSION SIX

Ai HANDS ON MASTERCLASS

GENERATIVE AI MASTERCLASS - PRACTICAL TOOLS, ETHICAL GUIDANCE & LEGAL USE CASES

As generative AI reshapes the legal landscape, firms have an opportunity to harness these tools for smarter, faster, and more client-responsive work, without being overwhelmed by the technology.

This hands-on session is designed to offer a practical, tool-agnostic introduction to generative AI, with real-world legal use cases. We will explore how AI can support different activities from client communications and research to internal efficiencies.

Whether you are AI-curious or already using AI, this masterclass will help you to start applying AI in a meaningful, ethical, and strategic way.

DAKS SADARANGANI CO-FOUNDER & CEO AIUNLOCKED

Daks is a seasoned AI strategist and innovation leader who has led enterprise AI initiatives at one of Australia's largest companies. With a strong background in product, data, and emerging technologies, he brings real-world expertise in making AI practical, accessible, and transformative.

17:15 - 18:30
**POST-EVENT
DRINKS**

POST-EVENT DRINKS & REFRESHMENTS

18:30
CLOSE

END OF FORUM



EVENT INFORMATION

EVENT DATE: 20th MAY 2025
EVENT NAME: 11TH MANAGING PARTNERS FORUM -
BOUTIQUE FIRMS

VENUE **W HOTEL - MELBOURNE**
408 FLINDERS LN
MELBOURNE VIC 3000
THE GRAND ROOM

Conference Registration: **8:30am - 9:00am**
Conference Sessions: **9:00am - 5:15pm**
Post-event networking Drinks **5:15pm - 6:00pm**

DRESS CODE: Conference and Drinks: Smart Casual

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*Delegate Rate: **\$645 + GST each** valid after: 30/04/2025
*refer to who should attend

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