

2020 CAMLA Young Lawyers Networking Event

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From a time when groups of more than 2 people could meet publically, on the evening of 24 February 2020, Clayton Utz generously hosted the 2020 CAMLA Young Lawyers Networking event.

From what is now an unfathomably large number of people gathered in one (albeit large) room, more than 100 young lawyers and law students attended to hear from the panel of leading lawyers within the media and communications industry, to develop existing relationships and expand their networks for relationships for the future.

The esteemed panellists - Claudia Wallman (Senior Legal Counsel, Spotify), Monique Hennessy (Legal Counsel, NRL), Neil Murray SC (Tenth Floor Chambers) and Robyn Ayres (CEO, Arts Law Centre of Australia) - emphasized the values of the authenticity, sincere relationships and keeping an open mind at each stage of their careers.

The audience heard the leading panellists recount important steps taken in their careers, offer insights and tips on networking and nurturing professional relationships, and reflect

on critical guidance they have received from mentors and key contacts during their careers.

Some key insights include:

- Networks are about using resources available to you to solve problems.
- Networks aren't just about you - how can you help and connect others?
- Keep an open mind about what you can learn at any point in your career and by completing any task - even doing due diligence, you can learn so much about a company.

The Young Lawyers Committee again expresses our gratitude to the excellent panellists for sharing their time and insight, to the engaging moderators - our very own Isabella Street (Sony Music) and Patrick Tyson (ABC) who organised the event with Calli Tspidis (Legal Counsel, FOX Sports) and Katherine Sessions (Senior Legal & Policy Advisor, e-Safety Commissioner), and to Tim Webb (Partner, Clayton Utz and CAMLA Board member) and Clayton Utz for their hospitality and generosity in hosting.

