## **Editors' Note**

Our dear CLB readers

We're delighted to present you with our latest edition of the CLB, action packed with content and reports from our events.

Following the previous special International Women's Day edition, which was once again a raging success (if we say so ourselves!), this general edition covers a range of developments from all corners of the CAMLA industries.

There are new laws to discuss, with **Alex Hutchens** (McCullough Robertson) tackling the *Online Safety Act* and **David Kim** (Banki Haddock Fiora) commenting on that law's incursion into defamation territory. **Jamie Wolbers**, **Simone Mitchell** and **Jonathan Kelp** (MinterEllison) write about how the new *Therapeutic Goods Advertising Code* 2021 impacts the advertising world, just in time for the 30 June 2022 deadline for ensuring compliance.

There are new cases to discuss, with Alex Tharby, Fabienne Sharbanee and Mhairi Stewart (Bennett + Co) looking at the Google LLC v Defteros defamation litigation following the 3 May hearing in the High Court. Georgie Austin, Zoe Burchill, Blake Pappas and Richard Leder (Corrs Chambers Westgarth) take a look at the first judgment to consider the serious harm test for a defamation action in Newman v Whittington. Alec Christie, Avryl Lattin, Raeshell Staltare, Christian Hofman and Alexia Psaltis (Clyde & Co) take us through ASIC v RI Advice, the first case to address whether a failure to manage cyber risk is a breach of a financial services obligations and, possibly, directors' duties. Marlia Saunders (Thomson Geer) takes a look at the recent Federal Court decision in *Barilaro v* Google LLC regarding the defamatory videos posted by friendlyjordies. Helen Macpherson, Tanvi Shah and Avi Toltzis (Baker McKenzie) discuss the Thaler litigation around the world, and the questions it raises about the recognition of AI as an inventor under patent law in various jurisdictions. Kevin Lynch and Jade Tyrrell (JWS) take us through the Peter Dutton defamation claim, and Marlia Saunders and Jessie Nygh (Thomson Geer) comment on the Full Federal Court's Facebook v OAIC decision.

And there's new law and policy reform being considered, with **Tara Taylor** (McCullough Robertson) tackling the ACCC's fourth interim report, which examines potential competition and consumer issues in Australian general online retail markets. We also hear from **Timothy Webb** (Clayton Utz) on recent developments in the copyright, trade mark, patent and design worlds, as well as some of





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the key emerging issues in the telecommunications law industry. Tim also shares his expertise and insights on the importance of good communication and creating deep connections throughout your legal career.

We are also pleased to share with you the two top essays from the annual CAMLA Essay Competition. Adam Lukacs (University of Queensland) received first prize for his excellent essay on source confidentiality under siege, which discusses how law enforcement powers threaten journalists' ethical obligations. And Nadine Mattini (University of Sydney) received second prize for her exquisite essay on the serious harm threshold in defamation cases involving physician review websites. We truly loved both pieces, and are excited for what the future holds for the two authors! Congratulations!

CAMLA has been extremely busy so far this year! We report on seven events that have taken place. There were the three events comprising our **Music Law series**, a seminar updating on **privacy law reform**, our Young Lawyers **Networking Panel Event**, our **Defamation on Digital Platforms** seminar and, of course, our annual **CAMLA Cup**! Many of our seminars can be streamed on demand by members from the CAMLA website, if you were unable to attend at the time.

We're busily preparing our next edition of the CLB, with a special focus on developments in the US. If you would like to contribute, please get in touch.

Enjoy!

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