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BUILDING HER OWN SUCCESS



**THE HONOURABLE
JUSTICE ELLIS.**

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From the President...

I'm delighted to announce that this year we will be partnering with Dress for Success to host a charity auction function in August to raise money for the charity. Dress for Success is a charity dedicated to supporting job prospects for women returning to the workforce by providing free work clothing, career tips and grooming advice. So, save those suits you no longer wear to donate to Dress for Success, and come along to bid at our August charity auction function.

Coming up on 22 April, we have our next function, our Professional Development Breakfast focussing on our theme for 2010 of "*building your own success*" and acquiring the tools and skills you need to build a great legal career. We are delighted to have Anne Hinton QC, Carmel Bryne (Professional Coach) and Penelope Peebles (Corporate Headhunter) as our panel speakers.

And for our younger members looking to launch a legal career, we have our annual careers evening coming up at the Auckland University Law School on 31 May.

In March we made submissions to the Ministry of Justice on the proposed changes to the Victims' Rights Act 2002. These submissions are available on our website, www.awla.org.nz and I encourage you to have a read. We have sought an opportunity to be able to speak to these submissions and will look to make further submissions as part of the select committee process when the Bill is introduced, which we expect will be in 2011.

The Human Rights Commission has issued a discussion paper "*Human Rights and Women*". You can find a copy of this paper on the Human Rights Commissions' website, www.hrc.co.nz. We also intend to make submissions on this paper by the end of April, so if you would like to contribute, please do email your comments to us at awla@xtra.co.nz.

Finally, I'd like to offer my congratulations to one of our Executive members, Farzana Nizam, a solicitor at Bell Gully, who has won the International Bar Association Scholarship to attend the 4th World Women Lawyers' Conference in London later this month. We look forward to hearing from Farzana on her return.

Sarah Carstens
President, AWLA

Justice Ellis – life, lessons and her recent appointment to the Bench

As the most recent addition to the High Court Bench, Justice Rebecca Ellis is following in the footsteps of her father the former High Court Judge, Justice Tony Ellis. Despite having a father as a Judge, Justice Ellis had not always dreamed of joining the judiciary. Instead, Justice Ellis has risen through the legal ranks from a less than traditional career path

Born and bred in Wellington, Justice Ellis attended Khandallah Primary School and Wellington Girl's High School. Determined to ignore her father's prompting to study law, Justice Ellis instead went to Victoria University to begin a Bachelor of Arts in English.

After finishing her BA, Justice Ellis began her working life in the Beehive for Duncan McIntyre, the then Deputy Prime Minister in an administrative role. During her spare time, she would sit in the public gallery and watch the politicians in action. This early exposure to law-making and the inner workings of Parliament sparked an interest in constitutional issues. Knowing that she had to do something else with her life, Justice Ellis returned to university to study law. Looking back, she can laugh at how she thought of herself as being so much older than her fellow first year students – despite being just 20-years-old.

Throughout her law studies, Justice Ellis was determined to not work in a "big" law firm. After completing her degree, she took a job as a junior lecturer at Victoria University teaching first and second year law papers. This was not quite what she wanted to do and after a year she moved to the Law Reform Division of the Department of Justice. Justice Ellis thrived during her four years in the law reform division. This was no doubt due to the "amazing enthusiasm for law reform" of Sir Geoffrey Palmer, who was in charge of the division.

Four years later, Justice Ellis decided that she no longer wanted to work in the policy arena and moved into litigation at Chapman Tripp as a senior solicitor. Justice Ellis worked with Kim Murray, a public law litigator, who was an expert in public and aviation law. She really enjoyed the experience but after four years decided to move to Crown Law. There she became Crown Counsel, despite having had very little time on her feet and says she was "thrown completely in the deep end". This proved to be a fantastic opportunity and involved working with great senior barristers, including Justice Randerson – then a QC – on a large arbitration. Justice

Ellis spent four years in public law litigation in the public and commercial team. During this time, Justice Ellis had two girls, now aged 10 and 11 years old.

Justice Ellis then moved to the treaty Issues and International Law team, as she wanted a change but did not want to leave Crown Law. Justice Ellis also considered that to be a good public lawyer, she needed to have an understanding of the Treaty. She worked on a historical claim and the Wai 262 (indigenous flora and fauna) claim before she left the team.

Traditionally, the tax team at Crown Law always had difficulty attracting solicitors to their team. However, after a long dinner, a member of the tax team managed to persuade Justice Ellis to fill the most recent vacancy. Despite her initial reluctance, Justice Ellis says that working in the tax team turned out to be the best job that she ever had. She was able to bring a fresh perspective as she approached the area from a background of public law rather than tax. The job was almost entirely litigation, ranging from small scale matters in the Taxation Review Authority to much larger litigation. Justice Ellis was able to develop her litigation skills in the privacy of the closed hearings at the Taxation Review Authority. Although Justice Ellis left for one year to become the director of legal at the Ministry of Economic Development, she returned to Crown Law in 2005 to become the team leader of the tax and commercial team. In 2008, she became responsible for the structured finance litigation, monitoring the foreign owned trading banks. Although most of her time was spent working on the Westpac case and the various appeals, she ensured the overall approach of Crown Law to the structured finance cases was coherent and unified.

The decision to sit on the bench was not a difficult one for Justice Ellis, although she is presently commuting between Wellington and Auckland which can be difficult. Justice Ellis is particularly looking forward to the criminal aspect of her new role and has already found the Judge's interaction with the jury both interesting and rewarding.

Justice Ellis provides some sound advice to young female lawyers – you don't have to follow the traditional career path, law provides fantastic, interesting and wide-ranging opportunities. Stick at it and find the area that interests, excites and makes you want to get up in the morning and do your best.

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A typical street in Amsterdam!

Editorial Note:

Bridget has returned from her exchange to Amsterdam and is now seeking work as a law clerk in Auckland.

Bridget can be contacted at bridget.alice87@gmail.com

“Going Dutch”

Bridget Thompson

So there I was, about to board the first of two 12-hour flights destined for Amsterdam, The Netherlands. My first ever long haul journey, and my first ever trip to Europe. Packed to the brim with luggage, much of which I would realise later was unnecessary, I took the first steps into a new and exciting phase of my life.

I first became interested in the Otago University student exchange programme when my flatmate sat us down one night to say she would be abandoning us in a few months for a semester exchange in Dublin. Soon we were inundated with exciting stories of her exchange experience, and I decided it was my turn next. I was instantly attracted to Amsterdam, for reasons that seem to elude me now. Its central location, beautiful surroundings and the fact that I had a cousin living there all dawned on me later, but initially there was just something about that place that caught my attention.

Getting to Amsterdam was not without its share of obstacles, these included being sent a letter from the exchange office congratulating me on my acceptance to the University of Bocconi in Milan, and being told by the housing office in Amsterdam a month before I was set to depart that there was no accommodation for me. However, setbacks resolved, I arrived in Amsterdam on August 27th 2009, luggage intact, a little dazed and confused, but generally in one piece.

I was staying in a student housing complex, and one of the best. Right on a canal, in a sought-after suburb of Amsterdam, it played a large part in making my exchange experience so great. Armed

with my typical kiwi approach of being outgoing, friendly and loving a good party, I made friends pretty quickly, and myself and a few like-minded Australians became known as the ‘Crazy Aussies and Kiwi’. Evidentially crazy in a nice sense, as I made lots of amazing friends who I keep in touch with regularly.

The University of Amsterdam was also fantastic, in beautiful surroundings and offering me exposure to a whole new area of study, European Union law. I took courses such as European Consumer Law and European and International Labour Law. The University has a strong International law focus and is taught all in English, making it a truly ‘international’ university.

I was at a definite advantage being a native English speaker, as often the main plea of lecturers when handing out assignments was that spelling, grammar and word use be correct!

Being based in Amsterdam also provided me with the opportunity to travel around Europe for (sometimes ridiculously) cheap prices. The novelty of being able to get to a city like Dublin for 20 euro never wore off! I was able to travel to places like Barcelona, London, Paris, Budapest, Bruges, Cologne and I even visited the beautiful well-kept secret that is Luxembourg. Fortunately my course timetable always seemed to allow me Mondays and Fridays off (the faculty must be aware of the novelty that is travel in Europe) and week-end trips away to these exciting locations were frequent – something so foreign to me coming from New Zealand!

I spent five months studying, travelling and making great friends in Amsterdam. I was sad to leave, but grateful for the opportunity I had. My exchange experience gave me many things, from valuable life skills to the ability to learn about a whole new area of law. It has made me more confident, more organised, and also more appreciative of other cultures. But somewhat unexpectedly it also made me even more proud to be a New Zealander! Our nature, work ethic and approach to life are a true asset and our environment – the beaches, mountains and all in between – is something truly unique to New Zealand. I would highly recommend studying or working overseas for a period of time, it has the benefits of being able to see wonderful places while also allowing you to make friends and colleagues all over the world. The only downside – it all goes too fast!



The view from the terrace at my student accommodation.



AWLA EXEC MEMBER WINS TOP INTERNATIONAL LEGAL WRITING PRIZE

Katrina Winsor, an Executive member of AWLA, recently became the first New Zealander to win a highly prestigious essay competition in international commercial law. She won the international Clive M. Schmitthoff Essay Competition by submitting one of her Auckland University LLM papers titled "The Applicability of CISG to Govern Sales of Commodity Type Goods". Other competitors included entrants from Europe, Australia and the United States, where the contest is heavily promoted in universities. The Pace Law School's Institute of International Commercial Law in White Plains, New York and the Queen Mary, University of London's Centre for Commercial Law were the convenors of this competition.

The United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods ("CISG") is not well known in New Zealand, although it is often taught as a complete subject at European and American universities. The finalist judge found Katrina's paper to be "the best in terms of writing, focus and aim. She manages to get complex points across with a rare simplicity of style, and argues her points persuasively in a strongly subjective and critically analytical framework." The paper is due to appear in the *Vindobona Journal of International Commercial Law and Arbitration* this month.

KATRINA WINSOR'S PRIZEWINNING ESSAY

United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods

The United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods ("CISG") is not well known in New Zealand, although it is often taught as a complete subject at European and American universities. As the subject is not widely recognised in New Zealand practice or case law, Katrina has provided us with a brief background for our members.

Although the CISG is incorporated into New Zealand law by the Sale of Goods (United Nations Convention) Act 1994, there is a significant lack of awareness and application of the Convention both academically and in practice. Pursuant to the Sale of Goods (United Nations Convention) Act 1994, the CISG governs contracts for the sale of goods between New Zealand parties and other member states unless it is explicitly excluded in a contract between parties. The provisions of the CISG will apply by default where there is a contract for the international sale of goods between parties which have their places of business in different member states, or where the rules of private international law lead to the application of the law of a member state.

The CISG is structured into four parts; firstly Articles 1–13 contain rules on the sphere of the convention's application including the formation of contracts for international sales under Articles 7 and 8, the contractual freedom of the parties in Article 6, trade usages in Article 9 and the form of the contract in Article 11. The second part deals with the formation of the contract and the rules concerning offer and acceptance. The third part in Articles 25–88 is the most comprehensive part of the CISG that provides the sales law and rules as to the sale of the goods. This part includes general provisions that will be relevant throughout the entire sale such as the obligations of the buyer and seller, the delivery of the goods and documents, the conformity of goods, remedies and the passing of risk. The fourth and final part of the CISG concerns the public international law elements of the CISG including the ratification and reservations of the contracting member states.

Applying a neutral set of rules such as the CISG will prevent arguments about jurisdiction and forum shopping, and limit attempts to gain tactical advantages through the use of private international law rules. The CISG often applies by default, simply because the parties do not

take active steps to 'deactivate' the rules of automatic application in Article 1. Article 2 excludes certain types of transactions such as most consumer sales, auction sales, sales by authority of law, stocks and other intangible securities, the sale of ships and other vessels, and electricity. Article 2 does not refer to or exclude commodity sales and the CISG will still apply to a sales contract for future commodities even though goods in the futures trade may not exist when the contract for sale is created.

Katrina's paper focuses on the international sale of commodity type goods and the ability of the CISG to govern contracts for the sale of commodities. It rebuts the arguments of Professor Michael Bridge, a leading writer on the international sale of goods, who argues that English law is the most appropriate law for the sale of such goods. Although most European Union countries and the UK's major trading partners have become member states, the UK has not yet acceded to the CISG. The underlying implication of Katrina's paper is that standard form commodity contracts should not exclude the CISG in favour of English law, as the CISG is a flexible instrument able to address the modern-day obligations of traders, govern any issues and disputes, and provide appropriate remedies at a uniform international level. The CISG is a powerful instrument that is estimated to govern around 70% to 80% of all international sales transactions involving the 74 contracting states; many of which are New Zealand's biggest import or export traders such as Australia, Japan, China, the United States and European Union countries. In the long term future it will certainly be beneficial to individual nations to continue to adopt and utilise the CISG, rather than to depend on a medley of domestic laws.

Although the CISG is an apt and fitting instrument of law to govern international commodity sales, to date it has been excluded in many standard form contracts

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AWLA PRESENTS SUBMISSIONS IN RELATION TO VICTIMS' RIGHTS REVIEW

The AWLA recently presented written submissions to the Ministry of Justice in relation to proposed changes to the Victims' Rights Act 2002.

The Executive of the AWLA supports the spirit and the intent of the proposals given that they will strengthen and better facilitate victims' rights in our criminal justice system.

The Executive wishes to express its gratitude to the senior members of our profession who provided input into the submissions.

A copy of the submissions can be found on AWLA's website:

www.awla.org.nz

Sarah Pidgeon



CATHY QUINN WINS TOP BUSINESS WOMAN AWARD

Following on from our article on Cathy Quinn being nominated for the Verve Clicquot Business Woman Award, AWLA would like to congratulate Cathy on winning this award. This is a fantastic achievement for Cathy (who is a senior partner at Minter Ellison Rudd Watts) and well deserved recognition of her contribution to the law and the business community.

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that instead opt for English law in arbitration and as the proper law of the contract. Commodity traders tend to exclude the CISG and other international conventions through a written clause in the standard form contracts, in favour of retaining the certainty of English international sales law. For example, major oil companies such as BP Global and Shell Global exclude the CISG from the standard trading forms that they sponsor. However, parties to a commodity sale are able to delete or amend standard form contracts as the parties require and incorporate any of the CISG principles or adopt the CISG as the governing law.

As most of the major English commodity traders are global in their reach and have increasingly been absorbed by or linked with major multinational companies, the use of the CISG in such sales provides a single set of rules for all countries that an entity operates in. The common understanding of English law in commodities trading does not rule out the CISG's suitability for such transactions; it merely indicates that commodity traders are perhaps reluctant to discard the familiarity of English law in adopting an internationally uniform law. Given that many of the largest commodity traders are now international conglomerates, it is likely that the CISG will increasingly be more widely referred to and relied on by multinational traders.

The strength of English international sales law in commodity sales is perhaps one of the key reasons that the United Kingdom has not joined the CISG and has instead retained predictability and certainty under English law. At present the CISG

does not hold the same measure of reported judgments and case law that the United Kingdom retains on commodity sales, but it is more and more frequently being referred to in arbitration cases and national decisions. Each domestic court will make a decision by applying the CISG in their own court room, and these decisions are then collaborated into international databases such as the CISG Database run by Pace Law School. In this way the CISG is continuing to build a strong pedigree of reported cases addressing the sale of goods in detail; through cases and articles that are continuously consolidated in such databases to aid interpretation and application of its principles. Further, the CISG is capable of being developed and extended to meet the requirements of international trade in a uniform manner that cannot be accomplished by a single domestic law.

The CISG is a strong international convention that provides an effective solution to commodity traders and is a legal instrument suitable for governing commodity sales in a reasonable manner that extends beyond the narrow confines of national pre-conceived views. As the CISG rules continue to be more frequently used by contracting parties with no relation to the United Kingdom or English law, commodity traders will increasingly be compelled to change their practice and include the CISG in more commodity sales contracts. An increased awareness of the Convention will also allow practitioners and traders to make informed decisions on whether the CISG should be adopted or expressly excluded in an international sales contract and to understand the common set of principles that it exemplifies.

AWLA's Professional Development Breakfast

The AWLA is hosting a professional development breakfast on **Thursday 22 April 2010** at the offices of Russell McVeagh (please see flyer, page 7).

The aim of the breakfast is to provide attendees with the tools, wisdom, and war-stories to inspire them to build their own successful careers.

The panel of speakers (profiles are provided opposite) includes Anne Hinton QC, who is one of the county's leading relationship property and trust law experts. Carmel Byrne (former Partner at Kensington Swan and now professional business coach) will also be on the panel along with Penelope Peebles (top Corporate Head-hunter).

If you are looking to take your career to the next level, this is the event for you!



Anne Hinton QC

Anne Hinton QC is one of the country's leading experts in relationship property and trust law cases. Her expertise is recognised not just within the profession but among the national media also. She is regularly called on to comment on legal issues arising from high profile relationship property cases.

She has practised as a barrister from Waterloo Towers (very close to the Auckland High Court) for about 7 years. Prior to that she was a partner at Simpson Grierson for 8 years and before that again a partner at Hesketh Henry. Her practice in both firms was a mixture of civil, trust and relationship property law, predominantly civil. Since becoming a barrister, her practice has evolved primarily into her current areas of expertise: relationship property and trust law cases.

Her husband Peter is a corporate partner at Simpson Grierson. Together they have two grown sons. She is on several trust boards (St Johns College Trust Board, which she chairs, Odyssey House and Auckland Theatre Company) and on the New Zealand Law Practitioners' Disciplinary Tribunal, which she chaired earlier on. She is also on various other committees including the NZLS Women's Consultative Group. She was a Council Member of the Auckland District Law Society and had involvement in a number of the ADLS committees and a long-standing role on the two EEO committees in particular. She is also a member of the pro-bono panel of prosecutors for the Auckland Society for the Protection of Animals.

To off-set her busy professional career and community work, she enjoys exercise, particularly tennis, golf and walking.



Carmel Byrne

Carmel Byrne is a partner of Stepshift Limited, an executive coaching company providing services to senior business and professional people.

Carmel qualified as a lawyer in Ireland in 1987 and subsequently spent 4 years practicing as a commercial lawyer in London. In 1991, she came to New Zealand with her husband who was on a 2 year management contract from his UK office. They are still here almost 20 years (and 2 daughters) later. In the interim, Carmel re-qualified as a New Zealand lawyer and practiced in Auckland until retiring as a commercial law partner from Kensington Swan in 2004 to join two others in establishing and building a coaching business.

Since 2004 Carmel has coached numerous professional and business people. When working with professional people, some of the key areas of focus are building a personal brand, building personal impact and developing inter-personal and influencing skills.



Penelope Peebles

Penelope has a degree in marketing and management and a Masters in human resources. Her early commercial experience was with NZFP, Lion Nathan, and BNZ in which she held marketing, HR and operations positions before joining John Peebles Associates.

The 'John Peebles' brand has been in the NZ and Australian market for over 35 years and specialises in executive searches across all industries. Clients include professional service firms, publicly listed and privately owned businesses and the firm conducts around 50 executive and 25 director searches annually with 30% of our work offshore. Our research team is based in NZ, Australia, the US and the UK and we have a wide network of New Zealanders based offshore. While we are retained by our clients, we feel strongly about providing talent with honest and pragmatic advice about their career and personal development.

We work closely with our clients on organisational strategy and assist with the development of their internal staff. We are well regarded for our ability and effectiveness in coaching and developing individuals. We have the benefit of seeing the best candidates internationally and locally and this allows us to assess talent against international benchmarks.

RUSSELL McVEAGH



AUCKLAND WOMEN
LAWYERS' ASSOCIATION

Professional Development Breakfast

Please join us over a continental breakfast to hear three exciting speakers talk about the tools to take your career to the next level.

Thursday 22 April 2010

Speakers:

Anne Hinton QC

one of New Zealand's leading female barristers

Carmel Byrne

former Partner at Kensington Swan - now a leading Professional Coach and Trainer

Penelope Peebles

top Corporate Headhunter with John Peebles Associates

Where: RUSSELL McVEAGH, LEVEL 30

Vero Centre, 48 Shortland Street

When: 7:30am start for breakfast and networking

Breakfast discussion starts at 8am sharp with a 9am finish.

Members and students: \$10

Non-Members: \$25

AWLA'S FEATURE CHARITY FOR 2010: DRESS FOR SUCCESS AUCKLAND Helping to Make Every Woman Succeed

This year the AWLA will be partnering with Dress for Success to host a charity auction function in August to raise money for the charity. Dress for Success is a charity dedicated to supporting job prospects for women returning to the workforce by providing free work clothing, career tips and grooming advice.

The following is a message from Dress for Success Auckland about their organisation and services.

DRESS FOR SUCCESS

"We make women in need feel a million dollars and empower them to succeed."

THE ISSUE

- Around 1 in 12 NZ women are unemployed or actively seeking work. Many live on benefits in subsistence conditions, supporting and caring for families
- In Auckland alone, over 6000 unemployed women are retraining or actively seeking work at any one time
- Many lack the confidence to present themselves effectively for job interviews and this presents a barrier to their self esteem and prospects.

WHAT WE DO

Our vision is *Every woman succeeding*. Dress for Success Auckland boosts the job prospects of women returning to the workforce by providing free interview appropriate clothes, career tips and grooming advice. Also during 2010 in addition to our free suiting service, we are starting two new and exciting free services – *Women of Success* – a practical employment retention and career advancement programme and – *Steps to Success* – a networking group providing tools to get a winning edge in the job market for Dress for Success Auckland clients who have been suited for an interview but not yet entered the workforce.

BUT WHAT WE REALLY DO IS...

Make women in need feel a million dollars and empower them to succeed, however they define this.

BY PROVIDING A PRACTICAL SOLUTION

- Every working day (including Saturday) we dress up to 15 women, which boosts the talent and skills available to businesses.
- Since inception in 1999, we've assisted over 7,500 women take that step back to work, creating a better life for themselves and their families.
- Introduction of two new free programmes to aid women back into the workforce and once in the workforce how to develop professionally and retain their jobs.

Clients are referred to Dress for Success Auckland by a range of social agencies like Work and Income NZ, Citizens Advice Bureau and a range of training providers.

OUR GOALS ARE TO GROW

By 2012:

- To increase the number of Auckland women we help to 2700 client's per annum
- To boost awareness amongst professional women to 70%
- To provide free innovative programmes to improve client job retention

The Suit is just the Start. *"The best thing you can wear in an interview is confidence!"*
– Nancy Lublin, founder Dress for Success.

ASSESSING DRESS FOR SUCCESS

- We help to address a real social issue – encouraging women in need, back to work.
- Our brand is unique in the not for profit landscape – it's positive, practical, empowering and aspirational.
- Professional women get our cause. Supporting Dress for Success, Auckland makes them feel proud and respected, connected and a successful role model for others.
- We have good awareness. Nearly 1/3 of all mid to upper income women and nearly a 1/4 of low income women recall Dress for Success.
- We help women in the main centres with 5 affiliates in Whangarei, Auckland, Hamilton, Wellington and Christchurch
- We are international with over 100 affiliates worldwide. Originated in the U.S in 1996 and established in NZ since 1999.
- We are self-funded, and we look to the generosity of Auckland women and organisations to help us to exist and provide this free service. We are supported by clothing/accessories donations, monetary donations, a corporate giving programme and of course *fundraising events*, such as the Celebrity Waiters Dinner on May 21st.

Celebrities help Kiwi women Dress for Success



A selection of New Zealand's most familiar faces will be trading in their day jobs for a serving platter and apron in support of the Dress for Success Celebrity Waiters Dinner on Friday 21 May at The Hyatt, Auckland.

The celebrities, who include big names such as Monty Betham and Tina Cross, will be helping serve up an action packed night filled with fine dining, entertainment, surprise celebrity performances and one of a kind auction items.

Other celebrities set to help sing for their supper include actor and entertainer Shane Cortese, actress Jennifer Ward Lealand, presenter Jayne Kiely and Dancing with the Stars favourite and Olympic medallist Barbara Kendall.

Dress for Success Auckland is a charity that supports women in economically difficult circumstances make the transition back into the workforce by providing them with free, high quality clothing and presentation advice for job interviews and training.

Julie Mackey, Executive Manager of Dress for Success Auckland, says the event is the perfect opportunity to have a great time out for a good cause.

"The star studded Celebrity Waiters Dinner is set to be a fabulous evening and guests can enjoy the night knowing that the proceeds are going towards helping women in the local community," says Julie.

"It's a fantastic night out with a group of friends and colleagues or as a way to reward employees and entertain clients, so we'd really like to encourage people to get involved either with a few friends or by reserving a table of ten."

The event will feature a Little Black Dress auction where guests can bid on a selection of new season and one off frocks by top New Zealand designers including Trelise Cooper, Jane Daniels, Annah Stretton, Liz Mitchell and Stitch Ministry.

Guests can also expect a show stopping performance from The Ladykillers, comprised of iconic New Zealand female entertainers Tina Cross, Suzanne Lynch, Jackie Clarke and Taisha.

Tables for the Celebrity Waiters Dinner can be purchased for \$2,500 for seating ten. For tickets to the event please contact Dress for Success Auckland on 09 377 2762 or e-mail executivemanager@aucklanddressforsuccess.co.nz

For further information on Dress for Success Auckland visit www.dressforsuccess.org/auckland or contact Alison Allard, Donor Relations, Dress for Success Auckland, phone 09 377 276, email donorrelations@aucklanddressforsuccess.co.nz

Executive Profiles



Felicity Monteiro

Felicity is a solicitor with Wilson Harle, where she has worked since she was admitted in 2007. Felicity's main area of practice is civil and commercial litigation. Although she has been a member of the AWLA for the past few years, this is her first year on the executive. In her spare time Felicity enjoys travel and is a keen, though very amateur, photographer.



Katrina Winsor

Katrina is a solicitor at Russell McVeagh, practicing in the Competition Team. This is her fourth year on the AWLA Executive Board. Katrina completed her Master of Laws in Commercial Law at the University of Auckland in 2008. She enjoys travelling and spent the last semester of her BA/LLB (Hons) on exchange in Copenhagen. She also tutors second and third year papers at the Auckland Faculty of Law, and has done so for several years. She is fluent in German and enjoys literature, travelling, music and dancing.



Jane Glover

Jane practises as a barrister at Bankside Chambers. She specialises in commercial litigation, with a particular emphasis on intellectual property disputes. She graduated from the University of Auckland in 1998 with a BA/LLB(Hons) and is currently enrolled in the final paper of an LLM. She has two children, aged 2 and 4 respectively.



Eesha Karamchandani

My experience as a student representative on the AWLA Executive

As a third year law student I have been given the pleasure to have my first experience as an executive board member with AWLA. I joined AWLA as a member in 2009 at the Careers Evening they had put together at the University of Auckland. It was the enthusiasm of the AWLA members to help young aspiring lawyers get a head start that I found intriguing. I was then invited to a number of functions and each motivated me to get more involved.

It was an honour for me to accept AWLA's offer of student representative. As part of this role I act as their university and student liaison, and attend Executive board meetings and AWLA functions. AWLA has given me more than just an opportunity to build a network. It gave me the chance to benefit from Phillipa Muir's inspiring talk on our theme 'building your own success' at the President's Function in February. AWLA also held a breast cancer fund raising event last year and the turnout alone was a sign of their success. They even showed great support in my effort to try and build an alliance with the student pro-bono organisation equal justice project-women and law. Their commitment towards women and law is absolutely commendable and highly inspiring.

AWLA as an independent organisation, run by successful women is a remarkable example of achievement in our community and they continue to accomplish all their endeavours. I would like to thank AWLA and the board members for the opportunity to work with such a powerful board and also to let me make as much of a difference as I possibly can through my contribution.



Careers Evening 2010

Monday 31st May 2010

The Law Faculty, University of Auckland

Speeches will begin at **6.00 pm** in the Stone Lecture Theatre
Drinks and nibbles follow in the Staff Common Room

This year we are pleased to have speaking:

- **Rachel Paris, Partner, Bell Gully**
- **Nina Khouri, Associate, Gilbert Walker**
 - **Adrienne Wing, Barrister**
 - **Deborah Manning, Barrister**

to speak about their different career paths and the experiences they have had in developing a legal career.

Afterwards, please take the opportunity to meet and mingle with the speakers themselves and other women practitioners from the AWLA Executive.

FREE FOR STUDENTS

\$5 charge for members, **\$10** charge for non-members
Cash payment on the night accepted

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