

## TOUGH TALKS

### How to navigate difficult conversations in the workplace

Victorian Women Lawyers' Work Practices Committee are proud to present this collaborative and interactive panel discussion covering how you can navigate difficult conversations in the workplace.

This session is aimed at equipping professionals with helpful skills and strategies on how to respond to and engage with difficult conversations in the workplace.

**Date** Thursday, 11 May 2023

**Time** 5:45pm - 7:30pm

**Location** KHQ Lawyers  
Level 4/600 Bourke St  
Melbourne 3000

**Cost** Members: Free  
Non-Members: \$15

**Register** By Monday 8 May  
[vwvl.asn.au/events-3/](http://vwvl.asn.au/events-3/)

This event is interactive in nature and is unable to be recorded.

Register today so you don't miss out!



**Koula Politis** is a Special Counsel in the Corporate & Commercial team at KHQ Lawyers. Koula has extensive experience spanning a range of corporate and commercial matters, with particular expertise in mergers and acquisitions, capital raisings, stakeholder agreements, restructurings and corporate governance. Koula has experience across a broad range of commercial matters with a particular interest in competition and consumer law, including restrictive trade practices, privacy law and GDPR compliance, procurement and technology agreements and the health services sector. Koula also works across our industry focussed Technology and Food & Beverage teams. Koula's clients include privately owned businesses, large corporate firms, technology companies and superannuation funds.



**Shikha Luddu** is a Principal Lawyer at Elsum Family Law and has practiced exclusively in family law since 2010. In 2022 Shikha became a Nationally Accredited Mediator. In 2023 Shikha became a Parenting Coordinator. Shikha is experienced in all aspects of family law including high conflict parenting matters, de-facto relationships, all aspects of financial matters and financial agreements. Shikha has a compassionate and empathetic approach to matters and understands the complexities that are involved between separated parties.



**Catherine Roberts** is the Director of Police Policy and Strategy at the Department of Justice and Community Safety, where they lead a team responsible for developing, coordinating and advising on police-related policy, legislation, governance and programs. Catherine previously led the human rights legal practice of the Victorian Government Solicitor's Office, where they provided legal advice to government departments and agencies about the human rights obligations of decision-makers and the compatibility of policies and decisions with human rights. In 2022 Catherine completed their Executive Master of Public Administration with ANZSOG and the University of Melbourne.



The panel event will be moderated by **Jessie Taylor**. Jessie first signed the roll of counsel in 2011, winning the Daniel Pollak Readers' Pro Bono Award for pro bono work in her first six months at the Bar. Jessie enjoyed a broad and thriving practice in public, civil and criminal law before stepping away in 2016 to take up a role as Public Defender (Civil Justice) at Victoria Legal Aid Chambers, and subsequently Associate Director of VLA Chambers. She returned to the Bar in March 2021 from an Executive role in the COVID-19 Legal Directions, Advisory and Strategy team in the Department of Health (Victoria). Jessie has a flourishing common law & personal injury practice (with a particular interest in medical negligence and abuse law) with a trauma-informed approach to her work.

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