



## **Herbert Smith Freehills Women's Mentoring Program 2016**

### **What is it?**

The Freehills Women's Mentoring Program is an annual mentoring program sponsored by Herbert Smith Freehills, with the purpose of connecting aspiring female law students with successful female legal professionals. The program is intended to allow female law students to develop close relationships with experienced and accomplished professionals such as yourself so that students can gain valuable insight into what it is like being a female lawyer in our current legal environment and gain a lifelong mentor/friend to whom they can turn to on not only professional issues and concerns but also more personal problems in relation to working in the legal field as a woman.

Your guidance and experience will help the next generation of female lawyers plan and navigate a thriving career in the legal industry.

### **Who are we looking for?**

We are currently looking for mentors from a variety of legal backgrounds to accommodate the diverse career interests of potential mentees. Mentors will be assigned one female student in their 2nd, 3rd, 4th or 5th year of an undergraduate law degree, or 2nd or 3rd year of a postgraduate law degree.

### **What does being a mentor involve?**

As a mentor, you will be invited to attend the Launch Night held in April where you will be first introduced to your student mentee. Both mentor and mentee will then arrange future meeting times, frequency of contact and method of correspondence. This process is flexible and at the discretion of the mentor and mentee. We understand the busy schedules and commitments of legal professionals, however, being a mentor will not be overly demanding. There will also be a closing finale event at the conclusion of the 2016 program in September and it is hoped that all mentor and mentee relationships will continue to foster and grow long afterwards.

### **Why should I get involved?**

This program is an initiative to foster young lawyers and ease the transition from university to the workplace. It is also an excellent opportunity to share professional experiences and lessons learned in the various stages of your career. This program is particularly suitable for female legal professionals who are interested in forming a close and genuine interpersonal connection with aspiring female lawyers.

### **How do I get involved?**

Please fill in this form: <http://goo.gl/forms/zlY2L7lJgl>. **Please note** that as the program is very popular, there are limited places available and we will not be able to guarantee all mentors a place. We will endeavour to contact you as soon as possible if we are unable to offer you a place due to capacity.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Kelly Wu via email at [mentoring.director@unswlawsoc.org](mailto:mentoring.director@unswlawsoc.org) or on 0423 402 807. Thank you for taking the time to consider participating in the UNSW Law Society Freehills Women's Mentoring Program and making a valuable contribution to the next generation of lawyers.

Yours sincerely,

Kelly Wu

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