

# 'Closing the gender pay gap: arming women with the tools to negotiate their pay, conditions and employment contracts'



5.30pm Tuesday 27 April 2021

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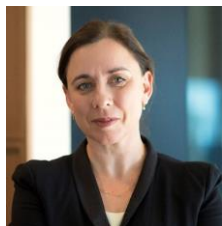
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The Women Lawyers Association of NSW invites you to join us for a practical panel event:

**Michelle Dixon, Partner, Maddocks**

**Mia Pantechis, Principal Lawyer, Maurice Blackburn Lawyers**

Proudly hosted by Maurice Blackburn's Women's Network & moderated by Principal Lawyer in Employment, Alex Grayson



**Michelle Dixon** is a partner of Maddocks, an Australian law firm with offices in Melbourne, Sydney and Canberra. Michelle was the firm's CEO between 2014 and 2020.

In each year of her time as CEO, Maddocks was recognised as an Employer of Choice for Gender Equality by the Workplace Gender Equity Agency (WGEA).

Michelle has extensive governance experience as a non-executive director and is currently a director of In-Life Independent Living Limited and Global Sisters Limited, a member of the advisory boards of The Nature Conservancy Australia and Women and Leadership Australia, and a member of the Legal Practitioners Liability Committee.

Michelle has been listed as a leading litigation lawyer in Best Lawyers each year from 2014. She has also been recognised in the Legal 500 Asia Pacific and Doyles. In 2015 she was named as one of the Australian Financial Review's 100 Women of Influence. She was the 2016 recipient of the Victorian Award for Excellence in Women's Leadership, an award that recognises the contribution of a woman in elevating the visibility and importance of Australian women receiving equitable access to higher levels of leadership. She received the award for Executive of the Year in the 2016 Lawyer's Weekly Women in Law Awards and in 2019 was named as NSW Women Lawyers' Change Champion of the Year. Michelle is a pay equity ambassador for WGEA.



**Mia Pantechis** is a Principal Lawyer in Maurice Blackburn's Employment Law team in Sydney.

Mia acts for employees only, and is an expert on employment contracts and negotiations, contractual disputes and discrimination issues. Mia has conducted a range of complex litigation on these issues.

Mia is a passionate advocate for women. She strives to make workplaces safer and fairer for women. Mia regularly acts for victims of sexual harassment, including in high profile matters, and has featured in the media on the topics of sexual harassment, the #MeToo movement and the need for legislative reform.

Mia was recognised as an Employment & Work Health and Safety Rising Star by Doyle's Guide in 2019 and 2020. She received the 'Senior Associate of the Year' award at the 2020 Lawyer's Weekly Women in Law Awards, in recognition of her outstanding work and advocacy on the advancement of women's rights. Mia is also recognised by the Doyle's Guide as a recommended lawyer in the 2021 listing of leading employee and trade-union focused employment lawyers in NSW.

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