



Workplace Relations

Date: Thursday 29 September 2011

Venue: Treasury Theatre, Treasury Place

Time: Light lunch—12.30 pm; seminar—1.00-2.00 pm

Register: Email claire.rennie@vgso.vic.gov.au or telephone (03) 9947 1403

This seminar will discuss the interface between OHS law, with particular reference to bullying, and equal opportunity laws. With a focus on the remedies, we ask can we do more?

Seats are strictly limited; please register by **Friday 23 September 2011**.

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Your Speakers

Hayley Petrony, Assistant Victorian Government Solicitor

Hayley conducts the defence of litigation on behalf of government clients in a range of areas, including employment law and workplace relations disputes, occupational health and safety, equal opportunity/anti-discrimination, merits and judicial review and disciplinary proceedings. She also provides practical advice on a broad range of legal issues across the workplace relations/equal opportunity sphere, with a particular emphasis on public sector employment issues. Previously, Hayley was a partner at TressCox Lawyers.

Eve Bignell, Principal Solicitor

Eve's practice covers both advice-based work as well as representation in litigious matters involving employment disputes, workplace relations, equal opportunity/anti-discrimination, occupational health and safety, disciplinary procedures and statutory interpretation. She began her career as a graduate recruit at DIIRD and then moved into private practice in the fields of public liability, professional indemnity and product liability litigation, with a particular focus on workplace injuries and VWA recovery actions.

Katherine Francis, Solicitor

Before joining the VGSO, Katherine worked at the Department of Education, Employment & Workplace Relations in Canberra in the Corporate Legal and the Workplace Relations Legal Teams. She then moved to JobWatch, an employment rights community legal centre in Melbourne, advising and representing clients in unfair dismissal, general protections and discrimination matters.

Under the Law Institute of Victoria's Continuing Professional Development Scheme, all solicitors holding a practising certificate are required to accumulate a minimum of 10 CPD units in each scheme year. Whilst the circumstances of each attendee might differ, it is anticipated that attendance at this seminar will earn 1 CPD unit. Please visit the Law Institute of Victoria's website for further information at www.liv.asn.au