



Cover photo from New Perimeter (DLA Piper), Open Society Justice Initiative and Legal Empowerment Network's *Providing Legal Services Remotely: A Guide to Available Technologies*. See page 15.



The sixth edition of the Centre's biannual magazine, *Pro Bono Voco*, is brimming with case studies, stories and profiles from across Australia and beyond.

Last month I had an exceptionally inspiring conversation with the inimitable Peter Seidel, Melbourne-based partner responsible for coordinating Arnold Bloch Leibler's public interest law contributions. We have recorded that chat for posterity, both in written form in this *Voco* edition and as a podcast interview (p. 3). Peter has sage advice about integrating pro bono as part of a business offering.



We have a number of other law firm pro bono programs featured in this edition. We hear from Johnson Winter & Slattery on the steps the firm took to build a thriving pro bono practice in just two years (p. 7). We hear from Tamara Sims, Head of Pro Bono and Responsible Business at Colin Biggers & Paisley, on her career, the firm's pro bono program and its approach to responsible business (p. 25). I'm also delighted that we're profiling Shan Wilson, New Zealand's first dedicated Pro Bono Partner, and the Simpson Grierson pro bono program (p. 28).



In this edition we feature Donnella Mills, recently appointed Senior Associate, Pro Bono Project Lead at King & Wood Mallesons. Donnella has spent much of her career providing and advocating for access to justice for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander individuals and communities. Donnella discusses the importance of holistic lawyering and of building strong relationships. I love the way Donnella dares the profession to recognise the power of First Nations people and the value they bring to a practice (p. 20).



On the subject of First Nations justice we also feature a new wills clinic in the West Kimberley established by Aboriginal Family Legal Services in Western Australia. This clinic provides a superb case study on what can be achieved when the private, community and public sectors join forces (p. 10).



The role of, and potential for, technology in supporting access to justice has become abundantly clear through the pandemic. We're delighted to include an article by DLA Piper on a new guide released by New Perimeter, DLA Piper's nonprofit affiliate, in collaboration with the Open Society Justice Initiative and the Legal Empowerment Network, *Providing Legal Services Remotely: A Guide to Available Technologies and Best Practices* (p. 15). In this edition we also feature the work of Josef, the no-code legal automation platform supporting a growing number of community organisations and pro bono professionals. The founders of Josef discuss their Kafka-inspired vision for establishing the platform and how they are supporting access to justice (p. 18).



In-house corporate and government pro bono continues to be a focus of the Centre and in this edition we feature IP Australia's pro bono program. Ivan Posa discusses the program's development and focus areas, including supporting Australia's creative and entertainment communities (p. 22).

Since releasing its *Pro Bono Guide to the Climate Crisis* in 2020, the Centre recently launched a new Global Pro Bono Climate Action Portal in collaboration with NGO, PILnet. A description of the Portal is included in this edition (p. 24). We're also thrilled to feature The Chancery Lane Project, an extraordinary collaborative initiative of commercial lawyers from around the globe whose vision is a world where every contract enables solutions to the climate crisis (p. 31).

Lastly, it is with great pleasure that we include an article about Centre Board Member, Dr Justine Rogers, Senior Lecturer at the UNSW Faculty of Law and Justice. Her fun and philosophical chat with Centre Australian Government Solicitor Seconded, Tomo Kudrich, makes for wonderful reading (p. 12).

We hope you enjoy this edition. Wishing you a very happy holiday. ■

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- **Pro Bono Partnerships and Models: A Practical Guide to What Works: practical information on how to effectively collaborate on pro bono projects**
- **Best Practice Guide: a guide to best practice in the provision of pro bono legal services**
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