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Welcome to this special edition of Pro Bono Voco to mark the Centre's 20th anniversary! The Centre is celebrating its 20th birthday in a range of ways throughout 2022. We are delighted that the Hon. Michael Kirby AC CMG is lending his support to our celebrations, including through the quote on the front cover of this edition.



In case you missed it, on National Pro Bono Day (17 May 2022), the Centre released its '20 Years | 20 Stories of Change' publication which is available [here](#). Don't miss this collection of 20 stories from the Australian pro bono community which illustrate the power of pro bono to transform lives.



In this edition of 'Voco' we are pleased to include articles from Baker McKenzie's Australian pro bono team (p. 18) and DMAW Lawyers in South Australia (p. 30) on the development and successes of their pro bono practices. We also feature an article from Corrs Chambers Westgarth on its support for Noel Zihabamwe and the Australian Human Rights Institute in relation to the enforced disappearance of Mr Zihabamwe's two brothers in Rwanda (p. 29).



In an interview with our Norton Rose Fulbright secondee, Ying Yi Lim, Chris Povey (CEO of Justice Connect and Centre board member) describes his career trajectory and provides valuable insights into improving access to justice, maximising impact and building effective systems (p. 3).



We hear from Amy Burton about the development and impact of Mills Oakley's charitable law firm, Everyday Justice, to serve the 'missing middle' (p. 22) and the Korean Community Legal Service team on

how they are working to fill the gap in availability of legal services to members of the Korean community (p. 7).

ExpertsDirect reflects on four years of the ExpertsDirect Pro Bono Service, describing trends that have characterised its pro bono work (p. 27).

We are delighted to include two international articles in this edition.

Our UNSW PLT student, Muhammad Zeeshan Ashraf, interviewed iProbono to discuss its work, pro bono and social justice in Pakistan (p. 15). We also hear from the "inspirational dynamic justice duo" in Asia, Bruce Lasky and Wendy Morrish, co-founders of BABSEACLE and the force behind the annual September Asia Pro Bono Conference (p. 24). This year's conference will take place virtually and in-person in Laos.

We are also very pleased to feature the important work of the Immigration Advice & Rights Centre assisting Afghan refugees with help from pro bono lawyers (p. 9) as well as the work of Women's Legal Service South Australia (WLSSA), a specialist trauma-informed multidisciplinary community legal centre (p. 13).

Lastly, we are grateful to both Jermaine Alberts of Your Mob Learning (p. 12) for describing YML's mission to innovate in the Indigenous space through its training and services. The Centre team undertook YML's cultural competency course in March this year and we all continue to benefit significantly from it. We also thank Malcolm Hoad of Thomson Reuters (p. 21) for describing Case Center, its innovative cloud-based digital evidence solution.

We hope you enjoy this edition of Pro Bono Voco. ■

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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
- Client Management & Self-Care Guide
- Pro Bono Legal Work: A Guide for Government Lawyers
- Pro Bono Legal Work: A Guide for In-House Corporate Lawyers
- Pro Bono Legal Work: A Guide for Individual Lawyers
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