Lucy Lawyers Panel Discussion and Networking Reception

Panel Members

Dr Michelle Chen
Dr Michelle Chen is a partner of gunnercooke and CEO and Founder of Cambridge China Business Solutions. Michelle has a rare blend of commercial and legal skills and a business track record spanning 20+ years that speaks for itself, including as a dual-qualified UK/Chinese lawyer. She’s worked with the biggest and best global companies across many business sectors and is a trusted adviser to CEOs and general counsel in both the UK and China.

Lucinda Case
Managing Director, Legal Professionals Europe, Thomson Reuters

Lucinda Case leads the Legal Professionals business in Europe for Thomson Reuters. The business provides content and technology products to the legal services industry. She has been with Thomson Reuters since 2013 when the business she was working for in New York (Practical Law) was acquired by Thomson Reuters.

Lucinda worked for Practical Law in London as well as New York. Before this she worked in the corporate departments of both Clifford Chance and Freshfields. She qualified as a solicitor with Slaughter and May and then spent time with UBS in London as an investment banker. A major driver for Lucinda’s career has been a belief that there is a more efficient way of delivering legal services and her current role means she works closely with lawyers in private practice, government and in house legal teams to improve the services they provide to their clients.

Lucinda is an advocate of greater diversity in the senior ranks of law firms and corporations and has led the launch of the Thomson Reuters UK Transforming Women’s Leadership in Law programme aimed at retaining more women in the legal services industry and redressing a lack of gender balance at leadership levels. She also works closely with the Social Business Trust on behalf of Thomson Reuters who are one of the 8 corporate partners of SBT providing support to their network of social enterprises.

Geri Peterson
Following successful careers in the theatre and the Fine Art market, Geraldine (Geri) spent three happy years reading law at Lucy (1993) and was called to the Bar in 1997. She has become a specialist in Immigration,
Asylum and Human Rights Law. With 20 years experience in the field, she appears as an advocate at all levels of practice up to the Court of Appeal, successfully seeking to challenge decisions of the Home Office.

Geri practices as in-house Counsel at Richmond Chambers in Covent Garden, advising clients on a direct access basis, and as a door tenant from Lamb Building in the Temple. She has a dedication and commitment to client care, and to fostering an understanding of the complexity of the procedures her clients and their families are facing, in order to advise and guide them through to successful conclusions.

Geri is an active participant in the Middle Temple pupil’s advocacy training programme. She is an experienced speaker and lecturer before fellow professionals and at universities and secondary schools as part of her commitment to encouraging and increasing diversity at the Bar. She has given presentations on Immigration, Human Rights and Fine Art Law at Cumberland Lodge, and has taught case preparation to pupil barristers. She has extensive experience in providing professional legal training in her field of expertise.

Jessie Ingle

Following her LLM at Cambridge, Jessie joined the Dispute Resolution Department of Linklaters LLP. She specialises in international commercial litigation, public law and sanctions. Jessie is the Chair of the Gender Equality Network at Linklaters and spends her pro bono hours advising several charities that promote women’s rights. Jessie is transferring to the bar this year and will start her pupillage at Brick Court in September.

Hedy Xu

Hedy is a product strategy manager in Thomson Reuters Legal business. The team is responsible for designing, developing and managing market-leading legal information solutions including Practical Law, Westlaw and Contract Express. Before joining the Legal business, Hedy assumed a number of roles in the Financial & Risk business of Thomson Reuters in different countries. Hedy holds a master degree in Technology Policy in Cambridge and an Artificial Intelligence and Economics double degree from Peking University. Hedy has a special interest in product design and advanced technology.