

RISING STARS RECOGNISED AT 30 UNDER 30 AWARDS

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Two Herbert Smith Freehills ‘rising stars’ have been recognised at the Lawyers Weekly 30 Under 30 Awards for the exceptional talent they have so far demonstrated within their careers.

Katie O’Driscoll, a solicitor in the Perth office, was recognised in the dispute resolution category and Claire Thompson, a solicitor in Melbourne, received the accolade in the mergers and acquisitions category.

Herbert Smith Freehills’ Regional Managing Partner, Asia and Australia, [Sue Gilchrist](#) said the awards highlight the outstanding talent and capabilities within the firm and recognise the exceptional professional accomplishments of both solicitors.

“These awards are given to the very best young talent within our industry and we are gratified by the recognition of these two dedicated and ambitious professionals. We are very proud of Katie and Claire for the impact they have made on the firm and clients with their demonstrated leadership potential, unwavering client focus, and excellent technical expertise.

"It is also a reflection on the significant contribution both have made to the communities around them through their dedicated pro bono and civic activity. We look forward to further encouraging and supporting their continued career growth ,” Sue said.

Katie’s award recognised the technical skills, intelligence and lateral thinking she provides clients while resolving some of the most complex legal disputes in the Perth market. In addition to this, Katie has made a significant contribution to the firm’s pro bono and community programs in her role as Pro Bono Coordinator and her work with the Clontarf Kya Program, providing mentoring and training to indigenous students at Clontarf Aboriginal College.

Claire has been recognised as one of the leading young corporate lawyers within Herbert Smith Freehills for her work on some of the firm's largest and most complex deals in 2015. Claire is also a champion of the firm's Reconciliation Action Plan and has taken a leading role in various reconciliation activities including tutoring indigenous high school students at Methodist Ladies College in Melbourne.

Herbert Smith Freehills had four female lawyers shortlisted in the awards, a reflection of the firm's commitment to attract, promote and retain top female talent.

The winners were announced at a ceremony at The Ivy Ballroom on 24 June.

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