

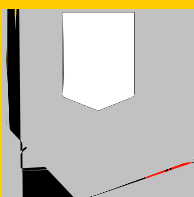
KLC and Herbert Smith Freehills win the 2012 Pro Bono Partnership Award. KLC and Herbert Smith Freehills celebrated our 20 year anniversary of the secondee program by winning the Pro Bono Partnership Award at the 2012 Law and Justice Awards.

Submission on the Human Rights and Anti-Discrimination Bill. KLC collaborated with the National Association of Community Legal Centres, Redfern Legal Centre and the Public Interest Advocacy Centre to draft CLC responses to the draft Human Rights and Anti-Discrimination Bill and appeared before the Senate to give evidence on the Draft Bill.

Major success in unfair dismissal case. KLC successfully represented an 81 year old client who was dismissed over the phone after 40 years of committed service. KLC helped our client receive compensation and the Fair Work Commission used the case as an example to warn against other employers dismissing any employee over the phone.

Victims Compensation Review. KLC and CLCNSW took several steps to advocate for improvements to the victims compensation scheme, including making a submission to the government inquiry into the scheme, working with other CLCs to bring clients' experiences to the attention of politicians and assisting others in advocating to their local members.

Consultations with federal magistrates about Aboriginal people accessing family law options. KLC recently hosted consultation sessions for members for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community to discuss increasing community access to the Family Law Court with Magistrates Sexton and Kemp.



Highlights

KLC and Herbert Smith Freehills win the 2012 Pro Bono Partnership Award

The Law and Justice Foundation Pro Bono Partnership Award was presented to the 20 year partnership between Kingsford Legal Centre and Freehills Foundation (part of Herbert Smith Freehills). Herbert Smith Freehills provide the Kingsford Legal Centre with a secondee solicitor on a six monthly rotation. This partnership has modelled pro bono services to future Kingsford Legal Centre in their provision of clinical legal education and services to disadvantaged clients, and set a benchmark for the evolution of pro bono work over the past twenty years. The secondee program is a key one for KLC and we are very grateful for Herbert Smith Freehills' support for the past 20 years.

KLC wrote media releases and did media interviews, wrote to their local MP and relevant ministers, and worked with NACLCLC and the NACLCLC Human Rights Network to encourage CLCs in key electorates to lobby their local MPs. KLC was extremely disappointed that the Government did not proceed with the Bill. It is a missed opportunity to make Australia's discrimination laws simpler and fairer.

KLC Director Anna Cody, National Pro Bono Resource Centre Director John Corker and Executive Director of The Freehills Foundation Annette Bain

Submission on the Human Rights and Anti-Discrimination Bill

At a national level, KLC worked with the National Association of Community Legal Centres to coordinate and draft community legal centre responses to the Government's Discrimination Consolidation Discussion Paper and the subsequent draft Human Rights and Anti-Discrimination Bill. KLC appeared before the Senate Committee, along with Redfern Legal Centre, PIACL and NACLCLC, to give evidence on the draft Bill. KLC also worked with other community legal centres to highlight the draft Bill would make for our clients.

PIACL's Edward Santow, right, outside Parliament House with Anna Brown from the HRLC (back row, left); Edwina MacDonald from KLC (back row, right); Jo Shulman from the Redfern Legal Centre (middle row, left); Michelle Cohen from PIACL (middle row, right); Lee from NACLCLC (front row, left) and Anna Cody from KLC (front row, centre). Photo Credit: Dominic O'Grady, Public Interest Advocacy Centre





Kooloora Community Centre Partnership, including annual Close The Gap event

Part of KLC's growing relationship with Kooloora Community Centre is exploring opportunities for Kaleesha Morris, our Aboriginal Access Worker, to attend the fortnightly KLC outreach clinic. KLC also held a workshop at Kooloora Community Centre on the 20 March in celebration of the National Close the Gap Day. The workshop was based on Constitutional recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples in the Constitution.

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