

Top 8 Aussie women in legal tech (/blog/2016/08/01/top-8-aussie-women-legal-tech/)

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It's a hard slog being a woman in tech, and this is shown by the stats – less than 24% of Aussie ICT folk are female.

The underrepresentation of women at the upper echelons of the law is also well-documented ([including by us! \(https://legaleconomy.com.au/blog/2016/07/04/why-do-female-barristers-australia-get-such-sore-deal/\)](#)).

So it excites us to see so many women killing it in the legal tech field in Australia. At the most recent [Janders Dean Horizons conference in Sydney \(http://sydney.jandersdean.com/#speakers\)](#)– the premier legal innovation event in Australia – female speakers outnumbered men.

From tech founders and CEOs to commentators to writers to practitioners, women are making a big impact on legal tech in Australia across the board. Here are some of our faves:

1. **Leanne O'Donnell**

If there is an issue worth knowing about in legal tech, [Ms Lods \(http://mslods.com/\)](#) was across it yesterday. And if you follow her on Twitter and subscribe to her newsletter, you'll be across it too.

The ultimate legal 'slashie', she's a highly sought after lawyer, advisor, commentator, writer and speaker.

Her interest in legal tech began when acting on behalf of iiNet. Leanne played a central role in the legal team that won landmark copyright litigation in the High Court. The trial was live-tweeted ([although not the High Court appeal \(https://www.altj.org/news-and-views/the-last-word/426-iiNet-trial-australias-first-twitter-hashtag-to-go-from-trial-to-the-high-court\)](#)), and the Twitter tag #iiTrial trended worldwide.

Since then, she's become the media go-to for simple explanations of complex legal tech issues.

Follow her at @mslods

2. **Lizzie O'Shea**

Lizzie is a public interest lawyer who has defended many worthy causes. Most recently, she has developed [Legal Briefs \(http://www.abc.net.au/tveducation/series/LEGALBRIEFS.htm\)](#), a fab series of televised interviews with Australia's top legal minds for the ABC. Intended for high school students, Lizzie takes viewers into the courts and parliament and explains basic legal concepts such as contract and property through real life examples in recent Australian history. The series is available on iView, should you be minded to break up tonight's Netflix session with some more wholesome viewing.

Follow her at @Lizzie_OShea

3. **Ann Marie Le Cade**

Ann Marie is a sole practitioner and the founder of [DivorceRight \(http://divorceright.com.au/\)](#), a platform that helps separating couples reach an agreement through mediation and complete much of the divorce process online via a portal. Her goal is to make the divorce process cheaper, more efficient and more amicable by keeping families out of court. She was a finalist in the 2015 Legal Innovation Index.

Follow her at @LeMercierLegal

4. **Sarah Lynch**

Sarah is the founder of [BucketOrange Magazine \(http://bucketorange.com.au/\)](#), the world's first alternative law and life hacks publication inspiring young Australians ('millennials') to live smart.

Produced locally, and featuring writing from some of Australia's brightest legal minds, BucketOrange is a free online and now print publication dedicated to producing content that matters. Our favourite are the 'law hacks' – simple and actionable legal tips that makes life easier for young Australians. Sarah is also a practising lawyer, writer and a finalist in the 2015 Thought Leader - Women in Law Awards and the Legal Innovation Index.

Follow her at [@bucketorange](#)

5. Eloise Burge

Eloise is a lawyer turned UX designer and strategist.

She spent her formative years as a litigation lawyer then spent two years co-ordinating the development and implementation of [RedCrest](https://www.redcrest.com.au/) (<https://www.redcrest.com.au/>), the Victorian Supreme Court's e-filing system. She didn't know it at the time but what she was doing was UX and Service Design - research, user flows, prototyping & integrating the system. She was hooked so she decided to study UX Design and now works at Portable Studios. Portable has done some great things with the Neighbourhood Justice Centre, including:

- a pilot application that allows victims of domestic violence (<http://portablestudios.com.au/project/family-violence-intervention-order/>) to access a Family Violence Intervention Order form online and flag their level of personal risk; and

- a court triage service (<http://portablestudios.com.au/2015/01/pivot-preserve/>) which allows court users to see how their matter is progressing.

We can't wait to see what Eloise does next.

6. Mira Stammers

Mira Stammers is the CEO of [Legally Yours](http://www.legallyyours.com.au/) (<http://www.legallyyours.com.au/>) which sources fixed-fee quotes from solicitors for clients. An ex top tier banking lawyer in London and Melbourne, Mira's philosophy is that legal services should be accessible and affordable for all Australians. Mira is passionate about effecting change in the legal professional throughout Australia, both by removing the barriers (perceived and real) to obtaining high-quality legal advice, and by creating flexible work practices in the law. Mira was a nominee in the Telstra Australian Business Women's Awards and a finalist in the 2015 Thought Leader - Women in Law Awards.

Follow her at [@mirastammers](#)

7. Kim McFayden

Kim is the founder of LawCorner which lets Aussies with legal problems find answers and connect with local lawyers. Kim has also recently started Venture Law, which lets small to medium businesses post a job and get fixed fee quotes for business contracts, transactions and IP protection.

A true Renaissance woman, she also blogs about tremendous architecture, interiors and landscapes at [the Design Hunter](http://www.designhunter.net/) (<http://www.designhunter.net/>) and rabble-rouses at [Australia Cares](https://www.facebook.com/AustraliaCares/) (<https://www.facebook.com/AustraliaCares/>).

Follow her at [@kimmcfayden](#)

8. Katie Miller

And we've already written about [Katie Miller](https://legaleconomy.com.au/blog/2016/06/27/our-5-fave-melbourne-legal-innovations-1516/) (<https://legaleconomy.com.au/blog/2016/06/27/our-5-fave-melbourne-legal-innovations-1516/>). We can't wait to see what is in store now she's joined the ranks at Victoria Legal Aid...

Follow her at [@natural_justice](#).

Exciting times. Who have we missed? Let us know in the comments.

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