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## ClarkeKann welcomes it's newest Special Counsel on International Women's Day

Ahead of International Women's Day, we spoke with [Deborah Boyd](#), Special Counsel at ClarkeKann within our Commercial, Intellectual Property and Technology group.

Recently joining ClarkeKann, Deborah is a highly experienced lawyer committed to providing exceptional client service. She has acted for several multinational companies across a wide range of commercial legal matters, and has served as a Director of disability advocacy organisation Reframing Autism Ltd.

We asked Deborah about her journey in law, and what this year's International Women's Day theme #EmbraceEquity means to her.

### What did you want to become when you were growing up?

Either a vet in rural Australia, or a vet/animal researcher in Africa or Asia.

### What attracted you to a career in law?

I like to say that I didn't intend to have a career in law, but a truer answer is that when studying a double degree in Science/Law at university, I decided to try a part-time job in a law firm. I then received an offer for a summer clerkship at the end of my fourth year of university, and as everyone from the clerkship program was offered a graduate position, I decided to try a career in law as this was a good opportunity and time to try it. And here I am!

### Do you have any female role models that you look up to?

In terms of world leaders – Angela Merkel and Jacinda Ardern. I have many former colleagues that I also look up to, as well as my next door neighbour Margaret. Margaret is a registered nurse and mental health practitioner who has led the most extraordinary life, and is one of the most humble and generous people I know.

### On International Women's Day, what is the most important message you want to send to women thinking about pursuing a career in law?

Be prepared to do "career" differently.

### This year's International Women's Day theme is #EmbraceEquity, what does this mean to you?

Equity is critical to our collective economic prosperity, and I would like political decisions to show that equity is understood as a necessity rather than an optional ethic.

Welcome Deborah to the team!

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