



**Victorian Women  
Lawyers and the  
Women Barristers  
Association**  
*proudly present the*



## 2011 LAW STUDENT MENTORING PROGRAM

*"I am once again delighted to invite you to participate in the Victorian Women Lawyers & Women Barristers Association Law Students Mentoring Program for 2011.*

*The benefits of mentoring are widely acknowledged, particularly in the legal profession. Career progression, the culture of law firms and work-life balance are among the hot topics that female law students are concerned about and that practitioners deal with on a daily basis. Additionally, practitioners seek opportunities to develop their leadership skills among their junior peers.*

*Now in its fourth year, the Victorian Women Lawyers & Women Barristers Association Law Students Mentoring Program is a wonderful opportunity for female law students and practitioners to forge valuable networks and share ideas. I encourage students and practitioners alike to become involved in the Program and reap the mutual benefits of interaction between young and more experienced women lawyers."*



**The Honourable  
Justice Marcia  
Neave AO**

**Supreme Court of  
Victoria,  
Court of Appeal**

### **Who is eligible to be mentored?**

Second to final year female law students at Deakin, Monash, La Trobe, Melbourne and Victoria University law schools. First year students (including JD), legal trainees and practical legal training students are ineligible.

### **Who is eligible to be a mentor?**

Any admitted female legal practitioner, regardless of where and if they are currently employed.

### **How does the matching process work?**

Wherever possible, law students and mentors will be paired based on common professional interests, life experiences and geographic proximity. All pairs will be issued with guidelines and encouraged to meet on a monthly basis, especially at VWL and WBA functions. As in previous years, if there is a shortage of mentors, preference will be given to more senior students.

### **What about the launch function?**

All participants will be invited to an evening launch function introduced by Her Honour Justice Neave AO. Successful applicants will be advised of further details about the function in due course.

### **How do I apply?**

Interested mentors and students should complete the relevant online Expression of Interest form on VWL's website: [www.vwl.asn.au](http://www.vwl.asn.au) strictly by *Friday 8 April 2011*.