



Call for entries for Australia and New Zealand's prestigious 2014 *Legal Innovation Index*

Innovation is dramatically changing the way the profession operates so who is driving this change?

SYDNEY, 15 July 2014. The 2014 ***Legal Innovation Index*** is now open, inviting law firms and in-house legal teams to showcase the cutting edge innovations that are enhancing the productivity and profitability of their organisation.

The 2014 index will identify the top legal firms and in-house teams driving innovation across knowledge sharing, cost and time management, client service delivery and employee engagement, amongst other criteria.

Last year's Index identified the Top 10 trans-Tasman legal innovators as: AdventBalance, Emil Ford, Gilbert + Tobin, King & Wood Mallesons, Marque, Maurice Blackburn, Pod Legal, Watermark and Westpac from Australia and Chen Palmer from New Zealand.

Judged by innovation and legal experts from Australia and around the world, the 2014 *Legal Innovation Index* will be released at the 7th Annual *Janders Dean Legal Knowledge & Innovation Conference* in Sydney on the 18th September 2014. Launched in 2013, it was created by [LexisNexis® Pacific](#), a leading provider of content and technology solutions; and Janders Dean, an independent management consultancy company specialising in providing expert advisory services to law firms and corporate in-house legal departments across the globe.

"Innovation is the future of the legal profession in Australia and New Zealand. The reality is that in an increasingly competitive, commercially orientated profession, our ability to innovate will determine our success or otherwise", explains TJ Viljoen, CEO of LexisNexis Asia Pacific.

"The index sets a benchmark for the profession, and highlights the pace at which the industry is changing. We want to inspire and encourage the great initiatives that are already taking place, and to demonstrate that law firms, in-house legal teams, individuals and emerging third party players are helping to positively disrupt the legal landscape. Innovation is already here, it is just that some are more innovative than others and their outstanding achievements deserve recognition", says Justin North, Director, Janders Dean.



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Firms and in-house legal teams will be assessed on their holistic approach to innovation based on the below criteria and will be asked to provide one or more projects, programs, initiatives and/or cultural evidence to support their innovation submission.

To enter companies and teams are asked to submit short proposals based on one or many of the criteria below:

- Knowledge Sharing & Collaboration
- Client Services & Delivery
- Employee Engagement
- Application of Technology and Process
- Cost Management

The panel of judges includes: Michael Roch (Kerma), Steven Hallam (Deloitte), Karan White (Pod Legal), Melissa Davis (MD Communications), Denise Farmer (LexisNexis) and Justin North (Janders Dean).

Entries **open on 14 July**, 2014 and **close on 15 August**, 2014. To enter go to <http://lexisnexis.com.au/legal-innovation-index/>

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