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The fourth annual award ceremony for the LexisNexis® and Janders Dean Legal Innovation Index was held last night at Herbert Smith Freehills, in Sydney.

The Index is designed to unearth, recognise and applaud the most innovative law firms, legal teams, and individuals.

The Index is an acknowledgement that innovation equals survival in a fast changing global legal services market.

## **THE WINNING INDIVIDUALS**

### **PROFESSOR DES BUTLER**

The Professor hails from the Faculty of Law at the Queensland University of Technology.

He created, or led the creation of, 19 innovations and technology-based projects to enhance the learning of law, causing a quite revolution in legal education in the process.

### **ANNE-MARIE CADE**

Anne-Marie Cade launched 'Divorce Right,' a tool designed to make divorces more amicable, easier, smoother and kinder using a web-based technology which automates paperwork and engages a community of professionals.

### **KATIE MILLER**

Katie Miller is the President of the Law Institute of Victoria. She studied innovators around the world and developed revolutionary guidance and tools for Victorian lawyers designed to help them adapt, survive and thrive in the changing legal landscape.

## **CLAIRE SMITH & SHAE MCCARTNEY**

A joint entry by Claire Smith and Shae McCartney from Clayton Utz resulted in an award for creating the 'CU SAFE' App, the Serious Accident, Fatality, and Environmental Incident Response Guide to help organisations respond quickly and decisively to serious safety or environmental incidents throughout Australia.

## **AMELIA THORPE**

Amelia Thorpe is a Senior Lecturer at UNSW Law.

She is another educational innovator, who introduced a series of innovations in teaching through experiential approaches which encourage law students to see themselves as active participants in the dynamic fields of planning and environmental law.

## **CLAIRE WIVELL PLATER**

Claire Wivell Plater was a presenter at the Janders Dean Horizons Conference in Sydney last month, where she spoke about blockchain and smart contracts.

Her firm, The Fold Legal specifically tailors their costs agreement for each startup fintech client that sees her take an Advisory Board appointment, an equity stake in the business and offer discounted rates for legal and regulatory advice and support.

The Fold Legal featured in last year's Index as an organisational winner.

## **DEMETRIO ZEMA**

Demetrio Zema founded Law Squared, a new-gen legal offering focused on servicing the needs of entrepreneurs and start-ups

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