Ever wonder if you have missed the boat sometimes when colleagues are talking about their experiences and progression in law? Never fear! This session covers the things we all wish we had been told at Uni or when we started our first jobs as lawyers. We will discuss how to set yourself up for career progression, get an edge over your competition and be noticed by the people who will make decisions about your career. Practical tips and tricks from lawyers in practise. An opportunity to get answers to the burning questions you’re afraid to ask!

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Fay thrives on the insights gained from speaking at major industry events and is a regulator commentator on workplace issues in mainstream media and industry publications. She has served as Deputy Chair of Sport NSW and has been widely recognised for her achievements including by the NAB Women’s Agenda Leadership Awards, the Lawyers Weekly Partner of the Year Awards & Women in Law Awards and NSW Women Lawyer’s Association. This year Fay was featured in the Smart Company International Women’s Day Campaign, Women Kind (a book authored by Catherine Fox and Dr Kirstin Ferguson), the 2019 edition of Best Lawyers and was a finalist for the highly prestigious AGS Australian Women Lawyers Award among prominent female figures in law including judges and barristers.

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