

Going For Gold – How to Conquer Law School and Prepare For Life As A Lawyer

Heidi Gan, an Associate in Clifford Chance's Perth Office, will discuss her time as an Olympic swimmer and share how representing Malaysia in the London and Rio Olympic Games prepared her for life as a lawyer.

Join us for this session and hear about how she trained for the Olympic Games while studying/working full time. You'll find out how Heidi was able to balance the demands of her sport and her legal studies/career, and come out on top.

We know you may not be an Olympic sports person, but life can challenge each of us in different ways, and we could all use some practical advice from Heidi on how to deal with pressure, build resilience, and cultivate the discipline and self-mastery necessary to overcome difficulties and strive for success.

Date: 26 March 2021, Friday
Time: 1:00PM to 2:30PM (SGT/GMT +8)
Format: This talk will be hosted remotely via Zoom. Login details will be sent directly to students who have successfully registered.

Register

About the Speaker:



Heidi Gan
 Associate, Clifford Chance Pte Ltd

Heidi graduated from The University of Western Australia in 2015 with a Bachelor of Laws and Bachelor of Commerce degree.

Heidi is a two-time Olympian in the sport of open water swimming and a decorated sports person. She competed at the 2012 London Olympic Games while studying full time at UWA, and the 2016 Rio Olympic Games just after finishing her tertiary studies and while completing her graduate diploma in legal practice. As one of Malaysia's most successful swimmers, she has competed at multiple world championship events in swimming and surf lifesaving and is a multiple medallist at the State and National level in both sports. Born and bred in Perth, Heidi is a well-known and highly regarded figure in the Western Australian swimming community.

Professionally, Heidi is a commercial litigation lawyer practising in the regulatory and investigation team at Clifford Chance. Prior to beginning at Clifford Chance in 2019, Heidi spent six and a half years at local law firm Bennett + Co where she worked across both their litigation and corporate practices.

Heidi is also a passionate advocate for community clubs and grassroots sports, and currently volunteers her time as a Non-Executive Director of Surf Life Saving Western Australia, the President of the Perth City Swimming Club, a Tribunal Panel Member of Football West, and a mentor with various university programs. She is also passionate about diversity and inclusion in the workplace. She lists amongst her professional achievements her advocacy for gender and cultural diversity in the legal profession as well as the wider commercial and not-for-profit sectors, and her volunteer work where she is able to use her legal skills to provide a tangible contribution to the community.

At Clifford Chance, Heidi is a core member of the steering committee of Clifford Chance's gender parity group 'Accelerate' (which supports Clifford Chance's global strategy for gender parity), a member of Clifford Chance's REACH Committee (which is the firm's network for advancing race equality and celebrating heritage) and a member of Clifford Chance's community partners committee (which oversees the firm's partnerships with community members and organisations).

Heidi is also a sought after public speaker. Heidi gave a TEDxUWA talk on role models in 2020 and presented to the Australian Clifford Chance offices on the same topic as part of Clifford Chance's 2020 International Women's Day celebrations. This year, Heidi will be speaking as part of the Asian Australian Lawyers Association 2021 "Superwomen Series", and will be giving the keynote address for the University of Western Australia 2021 Post-Graduate Welcome event.

Heidi has most recently been awarded the 2019 Asian Australian Lawyers Association Junior Lawyer of the Year, 2020 Women Lawyers of Western Australia Junior Lawyer of the Year, 2020 Law Society of Western Australia Lawyer of the Year (<5 years PQE) and 2021 Diversity Leader of the Year by the Asian Australian Lawyers Association.



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