

Episode 152: Guest bio

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LAUREN CASSIMATIS

Principal, Gallant Law



Lauren Cassimatis is a leading female criminal lawyer in Melbourne and the Principal Lawyer, Director, and Founder of Gallant Law. With over 20 years of experience in the legal profession, Lauren has established herself as one of Victoria's most respected criminal lawyers.

Lauren holds a Bachelor of Laws (LLB) and a Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Sociology from Monash University, as well as a Master of Laws (LLM) for Foreign Lawyers from Touro University Jacob D. Fuchsberg Law Center in New York. She is an Accredited Specialist in Criminal Law with the Law Institute of Victoria, a certification she has held since 2014.

Under Lauren's leadership, Gallant Law has grown into a premier criminal defence practice, handling some of the most complex and high-stakes cases in Victoria. Her team of experienced criminal defence lawyers is in court every day, representing clients in matters ranging from summary offences to indictable crimes and jury trials.

Lauren is a recognised industry leader and a forceful advocate for the development of criminal law in practice. She has been acknowledged for her outstanding advocacy, client care, and commitment to justice, earning accolades such as:

Finalist in the Lawyers Weekly Partner of the Year Awards (2021–2024)
Recognition in Doyle's Annual Guide as a leading criminal defence lawyer
Award-winning contributions to the legal profession and community

In addition to her legal practice, Lauren is an Adjunct Lecturer at the College of Law, where she teaches advocacy, substantive law, and practical skills to the next generation of lawyers. She is also the founder of Connecting Lawyer Mums, a nationwide network that supports lawyer mothers in balancing their careers and families.

Lauren is a passionate advocate for improved professional standards in the legal industry. She regularly shares her insights on criminal law, justice, and policy through her writing and speaking engagements.

With a large and loyal client base, Lauren has earned the trust of her clients through her thorough preparation, strategic approach, and commitment to achieving the best possible outcomes. She maintains an

excellent network of experienced barristers and forensic professionals who assist in the preparation of complex cases for court.

Lauren is admitted to practice in the Supreme Court of Victoria and the High Court of Australia.

DAVID TURNER

Host



David Turner has a gift for teasing out people's stories, so it's no wonder he is Hearsay's host. With a double Bachelor of Arts and Laws from Macquarie University, he is also an MBA candidate at UNSW's Australian Graduate School of Management.

When he isn't interviewing people on Hearsay, David is a lawyer at Assured Legal Solutions, a boutique financial services law firm located in Sydney's CBD. Prior to joining Assured, he was called to the NSW Bar, and is a former President of NSW Young Lawyers and a former Councillor of the Law Society of NSW.

David spends the little downtime that he has left reading historical fiction and tinkering on home improvement projects.

You can access David's bio on the Assured Legal Solutions website [here](#).