

Episode 153: Guest bio

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SOPHIE DAWSON

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Sophie is a leading media, information technology, intellectual property and privacy partner with a particular focus on advice and disputes.

She has extensive experience in advising and acting for companies and agencies in relation to matters including defamation, intellectual property, privacy and law reform advice and disputes. She has also successfully acted for telecommunications and information technologies including many of the world's leading suppliers, in strategic disputes including in negotiations, mediations, expert determinations and domestic and international arbitrations as well as litigation.

Sophie is ranked as a leading media lawyer in Chambers & Partners, as a leading privacy lawyer in Legal 500, as a leading lawyer in Best Lawyers in each of her key areas of practice and a recommended privacy and data protection lawyer in the Lexology Index (formerly known as Who's Who in Legal).

Sophie is co-author of Thomson Reuters' Media & Internet Law & Practice and is the current author of the Internet title in Laws of Australia. She is a past president of the Communications and Media Law Association and is a current member of the UTS Centre for Media Transition Advisory Board.

HAMISH LENNON

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Hamish is an Associate in the Media and Entertainment team at Johnson Winter Slattery, specialising in media, technology, intellectual property and privacy law.

He has experience advising major entertainment and technology companies on managing privacy, cyber security, online safety and consumer compliance issues. Hamish also assists clients with commercial contract drafting and negotiation, copyright enforcement and regularly provides media organisations with pre-publication advice.

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](#).