

Episode 35: Guest bios

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Guest(s): Tess Vickery and Rishika Pai

TESS VICKERY

Policy Advisor

Tess is a commercial and class actions lawyer turned animal law specialist. She has a Masters of Animal Law from Lewis & Clark Law School, and is currently working as policy advisor to the Hon. Emma Hurst MLC, representing the Animal Justice Party. Tess has published multiple academic articles on legal issues affecting animals, and has spoken at animal law conferences in Australia and the United States. In 2020, Tess received the International Society for Animal Rights 'Seeds Awards' in recognition of her contribution to the emerging field of animal law.

You can contact Tess through her LinkedIn profile [here](#).

RISHIKA PAI

Family Lawyer

Rishika Pai is a lawyer with a BEc/LLB from the University of New South Wales and an Accredited Specialist in Family Law. While Rishika's daily legal practice involves assisting those facing relationship breakdown, she discovered her legal skills can also be used to improve the welfare of animals when she joined the NSW Young Lawyers Animal Law Committee in 2018. Rishika is currently a Committee Officer of the Committee and is passionate about animal welfare and protection. In 2019, Rishika was recognised by Lawyers Weekly as one of Australia's top young lawyers when she was nominated as a Finalist in the Lawyers Weekly 30 under 30 Awards in two categories: Family Law and Pro Bono. In August 2020, Rishika was recognised as the Young Lawyer of the Month for her contributions to NSW Young Lawyers.

Rishika's LinkedIn profile is [here](#).

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](#).