

Thursday, August 9, 2018

The RBA and Thomson Reuters

are pleased to present an interactive panel discussion on:

**To disrupt or be disrupted? That is the question!
Challenges and opportunities for lawyers of the future**



As we are all aware, the law firm model and the economics of law practice are changing because of a variety of factors, including importantly the impact of technology.

Many potential disruptions to the practice of law are coming. These will affect law firms, small and solo practitioners, in house law departments, and judges and courtroom procedures. Now is the time to start thinking about them, whether you are an older attorney or just starting, whether you work in or manage a large firm or your own solo office.

Some of the questions our panel will look at are:

- What are the new/changing law firm business models?
- What pitfalls do lawyers face when rethinking business model and billing practices?
- What is the cutting edge of technology for lawyers?
- How will traditional road warriors be affected – better efficiency, or be replaced by AI??
- Is it better to disrupt or wait to be disrupted?

Our panelists have been thinking about these matters and addressing them in their practices. We invite you all to participate in our interactive panel discussion format as we consider the brave new world of the future of legal practice.

Panelists:

Thomas Flannigan is a US attorney from Chicago, who has worked in Japanese law firms in the past, and has been a sole practitioner in downtown Chicago since 1993.

Catherine O'Connell is an England & Wales and New Zealand attorney recently registered as a Gaiben, with her own Gaiben Office in Tokyo. She is a vice-chair of the Legal Services Committee of the ACCJ, and formerly was in private practice in Tokyo/London and NZ, and for many years was an in-house attorney for several Japanese corporations as well as head of legal for a Japan subsidiary of a US company.

Hugh Kennedy is head of marketing, BD and knowledge management at Nishimura & Asahi, the largest international law firm headquartered in Japan. Previously in practice at the Irish Bar, he founded a legal services start-up there, before taking an MBA and working at US and UK BigLaw firms in London and Tokyo.

Facilitator:

Maurice Rabb is a US attorney and human resources expert with his own attorney training and development firm, and is also an Adjunct Professor of Law at Temple University Law School.

DATE/TIME: Thursday, August 9, 2018, 7:00pm – 9:00pm

VENUE: Thomson Reuters, 30F Akasaka Biz Tower
5-3-1 Akasaka, Minato-ku, Tokyo (Reception: 03-6441-1200)

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(A selection of food and drinks will be served.)

COST: JPY2,000 for RBA Members

JPY3,000 for non-RBA Members

You can join the RBA that evening and attend at the member price!

RSVP: events@rbalaw.org by August 8, 2018