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## Alumni: Better Together

At the risk of stating the obvious, 2021 hasn't turned out quite the way we all anticipated. At Hall & Wilcox we have – like so many others – faced challenges including health risks, isolation, uncertainty and less connection. Many of us are tired and really need a break. But there have also been many positives: like an embracing of flexible working, reduced time commuting and travelling, increased time with family, and finding other ways to connect with and support each other.

Hall & Wilcox has had a busy and successful year. The firm has continued to grow and thrive. We are immensely grateful to our clients, people and broader community for their support throughout 2021. I feel fortunate to be surrounded by, and work with, a wonderful group of people.

I'm optimistic about 2022. Our clients are busy and doing things, and we are confident that markets will continue to be strong – at least in 2022. There are lots of good things we will take into the new year: increased flexibility at work, better shared parenting and confidence in what we can achieve. Hopefully we will be able to connect in person too.

We are closing our offices from 1pm on Thursday 23 December and reopening on Friday 14 January 2022. We want everyone to have a good break, relax and recharge.

I wish you and your families a safe and relaxing holiday period.



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## In this edition

### Farewell Peter Jenkin

After nearly 30 years at Hall & Wilcox, Peter retired from the firm on 19 November 2021. We asked some of Peter's colleagues, past and present, to reflect on working with the great man.

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### Where are they now?

Sylvia, who was a lawyer in our Corporate & Commercial and IP/IT teams in Melbourne from 2007-2010, is now Head of Legal at Medibank Private. Sylvia spoke to us about the variety of her work, particularly over the past two years, and shares a Hall & Wilcox dance competition highlight.

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### Recent anniversaries

We love celebrating the milestone employment anniversaries for our people. We spoke to Anna Parisi, who celebrated five years last month, and Shirlena Tenace, who has been at Hall & Wilcox for an amazing 45 years! Have a read about what they love about our firm.

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### Helping refugees

Our lawyers have been working with Refugee Legal and the Refugee Advice and Casework Service (RACS) to assist asylum seekers fleeing the tragic situation in Afghanistan. Find out more about the work we've been doing.

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## New partners and teams

We are delighted to expand our national projects, infrastructure and commercial expertise with new appointments. Highly regarded projects and infrastructure partner [Catie Moore has joined](#) our Melbourne office. A team of lawyers have joined in Perth, comprising Partner [Emma Leys](#), Special Counsel [Claire Hawke-Gundill](#), Lawyer Daphne Schilizzi, two paralegals and a legal assistant.

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## New Adelaide office

As part of our continued growth, national expansion and client demand, we have opened a new Adelaide office. The office will service both South Australian and national clients, and further supports our flexible work practices. We now have [eight locations](#), with other offices in Melbourne, Sydney, Newcastle, Canberra, Perth, Brisbane and Darwin.

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## Quick bites

Planning is underway for alumni networking events in Melbourne and Sydney in February 2022. Invitations will be sent next month. If we don't have your correct contact details, please send them through to [alumni@hallandwilcox.com.au](mailto:alumni@hallandwilcox.com.au) to ensure you receive your invitation.

Congratulations to...

- [Alison Choy Flannigan](#), [Mark Inston](#) and [Fay Calderone](#) for their recent wins at the *Lawyers Weekly* Partner of the Year awards. Alison won Health Partner of the Year, Mark was Banking & Finance Partner of the Year and Fay was named Wellness Advocate of the Year.
- Joni Pirovich, former Hall & Wilcox tax senior associate, for winning Special Counsel of the Year at the *Lawyers Weekly* Women in Law Awards.
- [Fay Calderone](#), [Katrina Reye](#) and [Ilona Strong](#) for being recognised in *Australasian Lawyer's* Elite Women 2021 showcase.
- Rebecca Schot-Guppy, former Hall & Wilcox corporate lawyer, joining IAG as a Director of Firemark Ventures.

You may have noticed a familiar face campaigning at Glenferrie Station recently. Piers Mitchem, former Hall & Wilcox employment senior associate, is the Greens Federal Candidate for the seat of Kooyong in Melbourne.

We recently spoke to a few of our people about what it's like to work in our teams. [Watch our videos](#).

If you're looking for a new opportunity in 2022, or know someone who is, [check out our latest opportunities](#).

Do you have any quick bites to share? Email us at [alumni@hallandwilcox.com.au](mailto:alumni@hallandwilcox.com.au)

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