

Chief Innovation Officers Forum (CIOF) FAQ

1. What is CIOF's mission/objective?

The Centre for Legal Innovation (CLI) launched the CIOF in 2018. The Centre is an innovation-focused think tank at The College of Law.

The CIOF is a learning community of senior professionals leading innovation initiatives in professional service organisations who come together to share experience and the exchange of ideas.

2. Where do I find information about the CIOF?

You can visit the [CIOF page on the CLI website](#)

3. Can anyone join the CIOF?

CIOF membership is open to anyone:

- Who is a driver of innovation and change in their firm/organisation.
- Willing to actively contribute, share experience, lead and engage in discussion in the Forum.
- The CIOF is a place where you will be encouraged to candidly share your successes and failures, discuss what you learned, and offer support and advice to others so they can learn from and with you. This is not a “sales” platform, it is a community of learning.
- Multi-disciplinary, local, national, regional and international membership is encouraged.

4. Is CIOF membership individual or should I join as a corporate member?

CIOF membership is available for individuals only. We do not offer corporate membership.

5. What benefits can I expect from my CIOF membership?

CIOF membership benefits include:

- Access to a diverse network of professions and professionals working in innovation.
- Admission to three half-day events each year (webinar or face-to-face).
- Access to a LinkedIn Private Group for member-only communications with peers and industry leaders wherever they might be located in the world.
- Access to free webinars, podcasts and other resources.

- Access to free industry research that helps your firm/organisation benchmark your initiatives against comparable firms/organisations, identify and understand relevant trends.
- Access to specific CIOF discounts including 10% discount on all College of Law CPD courses or programs and 10% discount on all CLI courses or programs.

6. **What happens if I am not a member of LinkedIn, will that mean I cannot access the CIOF Private LinkedIn Group?**

Yes – you need to be a member of LinkedIn for us to complete your enrolment in the CIOF LinkedIn Private Group.

If you are a member of LinkedIn, or once you join, we will send you an invitation to join the Group - all you need to do is “accept” and your membership of the Group will be complete.

7. **What does CIOF membership cost?**

Membership fees are AU\$300 plus GST each year and AU\$200 for a half-year.

However, if you are College of Law alumni, CLI Legalpreneurs Roundtable participants, friends of CLI, ALPMA members, Law Society and Bar Association members, you are entitled to a 10% discount off the CIOF membership fee.

To take advantage of this discount, on creation of your account during the membership application process, “Law Society Members” should tick that box and COL alumni and all other groups listed here, should tick the “College of Law Alumni” box then proceed to pay their dues.

8. **When are the CIOF membership fees due?**

The CIOF membership year runs from 1 July the previous year until 30 June the next year. So, if you joined on 1 July 2020, your membership would expire on 30 June 2021.

However, as a one-time offer and only for the first year of membership, membership dues will be extended so anyone joining on or after 1 February 2019 up to and including 31 December 2019, will enjoy annual membership until 30 June 2020.

Anyone joining on or after 1 January 2020, will pay the normal half-yearly fee of AU\$200. The 10% discount (noted in FAQ 6 above) will continue to apply.

Membership dues can be paid on the [dedicated COL ecommerce page](#).

9. Are CIOF membership fees refundable?

No – we do not refund membership fees. Please refer to [The College of Law: Terms & Conditions](#) page

10. When will CIOF hold its first event for members?

The first face-to-face event will be held on 22 February 2019 in Sydney at Gilbert + Tobin from 10am-1pm with lunch and networking to follow from 1pm. The topic is “Collaboration By Design” and the workshop will be facilitated by Nyk Loates, Director, KPMG and CIOF Steering Group member.

Once you have paid your Membership Fees, we will send you the password to access the [Eventbrite event registration page for the workshop](#)

11. Whom do I contact if I need some help with my CIOF membership?

If you have questions or we can be of assistance at any time, please do not hesitate to email us at CLI@collaw.edu.au or phone: +61 7 3234 4541 (Brisbane, Queensland, Australia). Our office hours are 9am-5pm (Brisbane time).

12. Whom do I contact if I cannot register for a CIOF event or I am having technical issues?

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