



KordaMentha assists businesses facing challenging financial and performance issues.

KordaMentha News Article

Singing Detective

The world of anti money-laundering and corporate fraud investigation is the blokey domain of middle-aged ex-law enforcement types. So Zoe Lester stands out at KordaMentha's new forensics practice.

She's 24, a former criminal defence lawyer, an anti money- laundering specialist and a PhD student in counter-terrorism finance. "I think forensics is quite sexy," she told CBD. She ditched a corporate law firm for criminal law.

"Doing something like that shows you the guts of the law rather than being in a big corporate firm and having nice coffee meetings. It's a far cry from sitting in the Downing Centre eating fish and chips with someone waiting on an application."

And she got into theft, fraud and corruption (professionally of course) in a stint at Deloitte's.

In her spare time, Lester keeps seven blokes in line fronting a hip-hop band called Frangipani.

KordaMentha's new unit is headed by former Deloitte operative Richard Bennison.