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## MAJOR LAW FIRM THOMSON GEER PARTNERS AND SPONSORS THE KENNEDY AWARDS



The Kennedy Foundation is pleased to welcome major Australian law firm Thomson Geer as a sponsor, supporting our dedication to excellence in Australian journalism.

Thomson Geer is one of Australia's top 10 law firms, with one of the largest fully dedicated media teams in the country.

The firm represents almost every major media outlet in Australia and has a reputation for fearlessly defending the media and journalists against efforts to limit their ability to report news that Australians have the right to know.

*"We're excited to have Thomson Geer as a sponsor and welcome their support promoting the importance of a free and independent media,"* The Kennedy Foundation Chairman, Carl Dumbrell, said.

Thomson Geer Chief Executive Partner, Adrian Tembel, said the media had a valuable role to play in Australia's democracy and society.

*"As a firm we encourage our people to engage in the issues of the day that affect them and their clients. We recognise that a strong, free and independent media is critical to ensure they are informed and can engage with confidence."*

Thomson Geer Media Team Partner, Justin Quill, said their media team was dedicated to supporting and defending the media across a wide range of issues affecting their work including defamation, contempt of court, access to documents and suppression orders.

*"We work with the media to overcome the hurdles they face bringing the public the news they need to know,"* he said.

*"Thomson Geer's sponsorship is an investment in supporting The Kennedy Foundation's mission to drive and celebrate excellence in journalism."*

Thomson Geer's sponsorship will support the Kennedy Award category of, 'Outstanding Court and Legal Affairs Reporting'.

Recent winners of this category have included: Paul Farrell and Alex McDonald, ABC 7.30(2022), Michael Ruffles and Michael Evans, Sydney Morning Herald(2020), and Sam Rigney, The Newcastle Herald(2019).