

MEMBERSHIP FAQS



DIVERSE WOMEN IN LAW

Diverse Women in Law (DWL) seeks to empower Diverse Women by providing meaningful structural enablers, such as mentoring, networking, and awareness-raising initiatives, that proactively enlists industry stakeholder engagement. Our initiatives promote the empowerment of Diverse Women lawyers in partnership with industry stakeholders.



OUR MISSION

DWL aims to change the narrative, by:

- empowering Diverse Women through mentoring, networking and awareness-raising initiatives
- creating positive and long-lasting change within the legal profession; and
- engaging with stakeholders to raise awareness of the untapped diverse talent that exists in the legal profession.

DWL is driven by its volunteers, sponsors and stakeholders to support diverse women through all stages of their studies and legal careers. Since its inception in 2019, DWL has grown at a rapid pace. In 2023, DWL engaged over 600 members based nationally and saw an increase in corporate members from 71 to 134 members. DWL looks forward to this year's partnerships with commercial law firms and industry stakeholders to deliver its initiatives. There is currently no other organisation in NSW with the sole focus of raising the profile of Diverse Women at all stages of their legal careers. For details about DWL, our mission and focus group, visit diversewomeninlaw.com.au/mission

MEMBER BENEFITS

We believe your time and active participation is a valuable investment in DWL's overarching mission to implement programs to support and empower Diverse Women law students and lawyers navigate their chosen career paths.

Members receive priority invitations to DWL's networking and professional development events that are open to all attendees. Additionally, they receive our publications and updates on events.

Members have an unparalleled opportunity to support the advancement of Diverse Women in laLaw, boost their cultural competency, learn to meaningfully engage with all colleagues and stakeholders and forge a diverse network of individuals and collective experience to increase diversity of thought, performance and accountability.

HOW DO I APPLY?

You do not have to identify as a Diverse Woman to join as a DWL member. We welcome all champions and allies of our cause to join as DWL members!

To become a member, please visit our website at <https://www.diversewomeninlaw.com.au/membership> and take the following steps:

- 1. Apply:** Complete and submit a membership application provided on our website at the link above;
- 2. Select membership tier:** You will be redirected to a new page to select your membership tier; and
- 3. Payment:** Your DWL Membership will be confirmed once you have made payment.

The cost of membership is based on the Membership Category that applies to you. Your annual membership will remain current from the date that you join to the end of the membership cycle (usually in March the following year or as advised by DWL). Discounts are offered to members who are facing financial disadvantage or work in a CLC. Contact the membership team for more information.

Membership Tier	Eligibility Criteria	Fee
Law students	Students currently undertaking a Bachelor of Laws or Juris Doctor degree	Free
Early stage lawyers	Grads, PLT students, up to 3 years PQE	\$40
Middle stage lawyers	3 to 7 years PQE (inclusive)	\$60
Senior lawyers	7+ years PQE	\$100



WHO DO I CONTACT FOR ANY OTHER QUESTIONS?

Please reach out to our friendly and helpful team via email at:
membership@diversewomeninlaw.com.au

We look forward to welcoming you as a member of DWL!

