

# “Stand with us,”

Be part of Australia’s largest and most influential membership association for solicitors.



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Founded in 1842, the Law Society of NSW is proud to be the strong and credible voice of the legal profession, advocating for the protection of the rule of law. Today we stand united as the largest and most influential professional association in Australia.

It's important that we continue to invite and encourage the entire profession to stand with us; to uphold the time-honoured principles that unite us all.

Solicitors are an indispensable part of the fabric of our communities. There is no area of human activity that is not enriched or impacted by the vital work of the legal profession.

By joining the Law Society, you become part of a community of more than 32,000 members.

Your wellbeing and success are our priorities. It is what drives us to continue developing programs and resources to help make your life easier and most importantly make your firms and practices more productive and profitable, now and in the future.

The Law Society will always stand for the profession.  
We thank you for standing with us.



**Richard Harvey**  
President

# Supporting YOUR CAREER AND WELLBEING

*Working as a lawyer is rewarding, but it can be stressful. Managing a busy and often challenging legal career can take its toll. We're here to look out for you.*



## SERVICES

### CPD

Our award-winning LawInform portal hosts one of the largest CPD programs in Australia. You can track your CPD progress and receive up to 30 per cent off selected courses. In addition to our expertly delivered face-to-face seminars and workshops, we offer a large range of online CPD across multiple knowledge and practice areas.

### Innovation events

Keep up-to-date with the latest information on how innovation is changing the legal profession through our dedicated Future of Law and Innovation in the Profession (FLIP) initiatives and events held throughout the year.

### LegalVitae

Looking for your first legal job? Find your big break by connecting to employers for clerkship and graduate positions.

### Mentoring

Participate in our uniquely targeted mentoring programs for graduates, young lawyers and women, developed to support you at different stages of your career.

### NSW Young Lawyers

Access a diverse community of graduates, young lawyers and early-career practitioners for support (and a whole lot of fun) during the early stages of your career.

### Scholarships and awards

Stand out from the crowd with various member honours and scholarships awarded throughout the year.

### Wellbeing services

Obtain the support you need when faced with a challenge to your wellbeing with 24/7 access to a dedicated confidential phone line and referral to mental health professionals experienced in working with lawyers. We also offer CPD sessions on staying well in the law, and you can unlock a range of health and wellness discounts via our member benefits program.

In 2019:



**1,879**

members were hosted at Future of Law and Innovation in the Profession (FLIP) events.



**440**

hours of CPD courses were delivered.



**204**

pairs were connected in our mentoring programs.

# Strengthening YOUR PRACTICE

*We are here to assist you with a range of professional support and business development services to help maximise efficiency and productivity in your practice.*



## SERVICES

### Business development

Our solicitor referral service connects your practice to members of the public in need of legal advice.

### Spaces for hire

Utilise our CBD spaces, including a well-equipped training room, multiple function rooms, visiting solicitor rooms, and purpose-designed mediation and arbitration facilities.

### Lawyers assistance program

A free and confidential service that can refer you to counsellors, agencies or schemes for assistance if you're experiencing practice management issues.

### Law Careers Fair

Exhibiting and sponsorship opportunities to help attract the brightest young talent from NSW and the ACT to your firm.

### Library and research services

Access more than 18,000 law reports, precedents, textbooks, practice books and digital resources. A dedicated team of librarians is on hand to help you find the answers to simple enquiries or relevant materials for a particular matter.

### Member logo

Let your clients, peers and staff know you uphold the principles of professional excellence that the Law Society represents by displaying the Law Society member logo on your website, premises, stationery and marketing materials.

### Practice management support

Our Legal Information Officer is here to assist with guidance across a range of areas. We can help you buy or sell a legal practice and our locum service provides quick solutions to immediate resourcing needs.

### Precedents and forms

Access a wide range of precedents and forms developed by leading practitioners.

### Professional Standards Scheme

Limit your occupational liability with exclusive member-only eligibility to participate in the Professional Standards Scheme.

### Specialist Accreditation

Become recognised as an expert in your area of practice with member-only opportunities to apply for the Specialist Accreditation program.

In 2019:



**733,751**

visits to the Law Society's Find a Lawyer search.



**14,020**

members participated in the Professional Standards Scheme.



**53**

newly Accredited Specialists were welcomed.

# Serving YOUR PROFESSION

*We unite the profession, helping members stay in touch with legal developments and other solicitors through an unrivalled range of resources, publications, events, networking and regional law societies.*



## SERVICES

### Ethics and costs advice

Our experienced ethics and costs teams are here to provide free advice to solicitors facing ethical issues or enquiries relating to costs.

### Events and networking

Meet your peers and the profession's leading minds at more than 100 events each year covering everything from inspiring thought leadership forums to gala dinners, expert panels, conferences, fundraisers and more.

### LawID

A unique log-in providing single sign-on access to our online services, including PC and membership renewals.

### Law Society Dining Room

Enjoy five-star dining without breaking the bank. Open to members and the public Monday to Friday.

### LSJ print and online

Experience *LSJ's* award-winning content wherever you are, either online or in print. In 2020, we will launch the *Law Society Journal* digital archive, making every issue published since 1963 available to members.

### Monday Briefs and segmented e-newsletters

Your regular email updates on legal current affairs, legislative and regulatory changes, upcoming training and events, and exclusive member services.

### Shop and e-shop

Access a range of useful resources at discounted prices, including legal documents, books, leaflets, handbooks and merchandise.

### Registry and Licensing

Our Registry and Licensing teams are available to answer any questions about your entitlement to practise, your practising certificate and its conditions, professional indemnity insurance, contact details of law practices and solicitors, mandatory CPD requirements, certificates of fitness and your statutory obligations.

### Regulatory compliance support

Our Regulatory Compliance Support team offers expert and confidential assistance to prevent compliance issues from escalating into complaints or disciplinary action.

In 2019:



**250**  
policy and law  
reform submissions.



**73**  
people per week were  
assisted via our Regulatory  
Compliance Line.



**65**  
people per week  
were assisted via  
our Ethics Line.

# Safeguarding YOUR COMMUNITY

*Giving is what our profession does inherently. Our primary role is to promote and protect the rule of law and provide access to justice for those who need it.*



## SERVICES

### Committee participation

Become an advocate for the profession and make a direct impact on law reform and policy development by serving on one of 18 expert policy and practice committees.

### Indigenous Enterprise Legal Assistance Scheme (IELA)

Volunteer your services with the IELA Scheme that refers eligible Indigenous enterprises to solicitors willing to provide free legal advice for non-complex issues.

### Pro Bono Scheme

Our Pro Bono Scheme connects law practices willing to provide pro bono assistance to disadvantaged members of the community in need of legal services.

### Volunteer opportunities

Give back to the legal community by contributing your expertise to one of our volunteer mock law or mentoring programs.

In 2019:



**\$50,000**

was donated to drought-affected communities in NSW.



**419**

members of the public were provided with pro bono assistance.



**110**

Solicitors volunteered for mock trial and mock mediation programs.

Use your membership to unlock exclusive discounts and upgrades from the following brands and services.

#### PRACTICE MANAGEMENT →



CLARENCE



CALTEX

#### FINANCE AND PROPERTY →



#### UTILITY →



#### AUTO →

**AVIS**



#### FAMILY →



#### HEALTH AND WELLNESS →



OPSM

#### TRAVEL →

ACCORHOTELS  
Feel Welcome



SOFITEL  
LUXURY HOTELS



#### SHOPPING AND ENTERTAINMENT →



THE ICONIC







**JAN:** Opening of Law Term Dinner



**APR:** LSJ Speaker Series



**MAY:** NSW Golden Gavel Competition



**MAY:** Thought Leadership Series



**JUL:** FLIP Hackathon



**JUL:** FLIP Conference and Innovation Dinner



**AUG:** Specialist Accreditation Conference



**SEP:** Government Solicitors Conference



**OCT:** Rural Issues Conference



**OCT:** Annual Members Dinner



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