

# Law Reform Committee member

## Role description

### Key Relationships

- Law Reform Committee Convenor
- Law Reform and Advocacy Manager, and staff
- Members of the Law Reform Committee and other specialist law reform committees

### Primary responsibilities

- To serve as a member of the Law Reform Committee
- To review and prepare submissions, based on comments provided by the Law Society's specialist committees and other contributors (such as Sections), on:
  - Bills;
  - Government department law reform proposals;
  - Law Commission papers;
  - Consultations from the judiciary;
  - Other consultations affecting the rule of law and/or the administration of justice,following the Law Society's guidelines and the Terms of Appointment.
- Work with specialist committee members as required.
- As required, make oral submissions to select committees.
- As required, act as a spokesperson for the Law Society on specific law reform issues.

### Expected outcomes

- Submissions are of a very high standard, and support the Law Society's reputation for producing independent, impartial and considered submissions.
- Submissions support the Law Society's obligation to 'assist and promote, for the purpose of upholding the rule of law and facilitating the administration of justice in New Zealand, the reform of the law.'
- Submissions are drafted or reviewed on time.

### Skills and expertise

- Strong interest in law reform, and willingness to contribute regularly to the work of the Law Reform Committee.
- Understanding of the law reform mandate (which includes, on occasions, a dual focus on representation of the profession's interests as well as the public interest).
- Clear communicator and capable presenter.
- Able to be objective and discuss issues constructively.
- Able to work to support the Law Reform Committee workload, often to tight deadlines.