

# Specialist Committee member

## Role description

### Key Relationships

- Convenor of the specialist committee
- 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 specialist Committee
- To assist in preparing submissions 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.
- To work with other members of the specialist law reform committees.
- To engage with lawyers interested in law reform in the specialist committee's area.
- To identify important emerging issues to allow the committee to work proactively.

### Expected outcomes

- The committee actively engages in law reform within the committee's area of expertise.
- 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 filed on time.

### Skills and expertise

- Expertise in specialist area.
- Strong interest in law reform.
- Clear communicator and drafter.
- Capacity to contribute and willingness to contribute to the committee's work, sometimes to tight deadlines.
- Able to work alongside other committee members to reach an agreed position.
- Good understanding of the Law Society's law reform mandate.