

ROLE DESCRIPTION

Specialist subcommittee member

Responsible to

- Convenor of the specialist subcommittee

Functional relationships

- Specialist committee convenor
- Other members of the specialist committee
- Law Reform and Advocacy Manager
- Law Reform and Advocacy Advisors
- General Manager Policy, Courts and Government

Prime purposes of position

- To serve as a member of the specialist subcommittee.

Tasks

- To assist, as required, in preparing submissions on:
 - Bills;
 - Law Commission papers;
 - government department law reform proposals; and
 - reforms affecting the rule of law or administration of justice, on a case-by-case basis.
- To engage with lawyers interested in law reform in the specialist subcommittee's area.
- To contribute time and expertise to the work of the subcommittee.
- To identify important emerging issues to allow the subcommittee to work proactively.

Expected outcomes

- The subcommittee actively engages in law reform within its area of expertise.
- NZLS law reform submissions are of a very high standard (as per the NZLS Law Reform Guidelines) and support the Law Society's reputation for producing impartial and considered submissions

Skills & expertise

- Expertise in specialist area.
- Strong interest in law reform.
- Good understanding of the NZLS law reform mandate (which includes, on occasions, a dual focus on representing the profession's interests as well as the public interest).
- Clear communicator.
- Capacity and willingness to contribute to the subcommittee's work, sometimes to tight deadlines.
- Able to work alongside other subcommittee members to reach an agreed position.
- Comfortable with electronic communication (email, internet and online meetings).

Notes

- This is a voluntary position.
- The committee operates almost entirely by email and online meetings.