

Immigration and Refugee Law Committee – Terms of Reference

The Immigration and Refugee Law Committee is a law reform committee established by the New Zealand Law Society Board.

The purpose of the Committee is to:

1. Monitor and comment on proposals for legislative, regulatory, or other change in the area of immigration and refugee law.
2. Contribute to advocacy for legislative and operational changes which would improve access to justice.
3. Work collaboratively with other law reform committees where there are areas of mutual interest and expertise.
4. Provide advice to the President and Board of the New Zealand Law Society on issues relating to immigration and refugee law.
5. Provide advice to the Board of the New Zealand Law Society on potential public interest interventions which raise immigration and refugee law issues, and contribute to intervenor submissions.
6. Alongside the in-house Law Reform & Advocacy Team, maintain good working relationships with key stakeholders. This may include attending meetings with Government departments, participating on working groups, and working with other representative organisations.
7. Engage with immigration and refugee lawyers across Aotearoa/the various regions to better understand issues which impact access to justice, and issues affecting immigration and refugee lawyers.