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Happy New Year. I hope you had a chance to have a relaxing break over the Christmas period and are ready for another busy year ahead.

Section 132 brief

Over the past few months we have been working on a standard section 132 brief in an effort to focus the brief to specific case characteristics to enable a quicker turnaround of the information and to achieve some nationwide consistency. Principal Family Court Judge Jackie Moran has approved the brief and has circulated it to the Family Court judiciary. Click [here](#) to access the brief and [here](#) to access the request form for third party criminal conviction history. We encourage you to use it where appropriate.

Review of all regional representative positions

The executive are reviewing all regional representative roles with a view to refreshing these positions and ask any members interested in the role to put in an expression of interest. A big thanks to all our current regional representatives for their service to members in their local areas. It is an important role and the executive are grateful to those who have undertaken this role in the past, some for many years.

As part of the review, we invite current representatives who have been in the role for a number of years, to consider standing aside to give other practitioners an opportunity to contribute in this way but we hope that some of you (particularly those who have not yet served three years) will be willing to continue in the role.

If you are interested in this role please send us an **expression of interest** together with a **brief bio** (no more than 500 words) including your areas of practice, a bit about yourself and why you would like to be appointed to the role, and a high quality digital **photo** by 10 February. Current regional representatives should also let us know if they wish to continue in the role (or not) by this date. The executive will confirm all appointments at its meeting on 21 February. Please email family@lawsociety.org.nz to express an interest.

This voluntary role is for a period of three years (until March 2023). It enables you to facilitate local FLS events (both social and educational) and be a conduit for members'

concerns to the executive. Regional representatives provide regular reports to the executive and we have a template to assist you with this reporting. This information assists us to raise concerns and seek solutions to issues with senior ministry officials and the judiciary if necessary.

On appointment you will be provided with more information about the role, however, if you have any questions, please email our manager at kath.moran@lawsociety.org.nz.

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