

**New Zealand Council of Legal Education – Law Society calling for nominees (voluntary role)**

The New Zealand Law Society is calling for applications for a Law Society nominee on the Council of Legal Education. This is exciting opportunity to contribute to the development of legal education for the next generation of lawyers. Applications are welcome from all lawyers who have an interest and experience in legal education. The New Zealand Law Society is committed to the principles of diversity and inclusion and to recognising the bicultural foundations of Aotearoa New Zealand. We wish to ensure that representatives of the Law Society represent the society that the legal profession serves and we encourage applications from a diverse range of backgrounds.

**Background**

The Council is an independent statutory body constituted under the Lawyers and Conveyancers Act 2006. The Council was originally established in 1930. The general activities of the Council concern public interest and regulatory matters and centre on the Council's responsibilities for the quality and provision of education and practical legal training that is required to be undertaken by any person either within New Zealand or from overseas wishing to be admitted as a barrister and solicitor of the High Court of New Zealand.

These general activities include:

- Defining and prescribing courses of study for the examination and practical legal training of persons wishing to be admitted as barristers and solicitors in New Zealand
- Arranging for the provision of those courses of study
- Arranging for the moderation and assessment of those courses of study
- Delivery of practical legal training
- Assessment of qualifications particularly those of overseas law graduates and legal practitioners wishing to practise in New Zealand
- Arranging for the provision of research as necessary, and tendering advice on legal education
- Administering and conducting certain examinations required to be taken by some overseas and other applicants.

**Membership**

Membership of the Council consists of:

- Two High Court Judges nominated by the Chief Justice
- One District Court Judge nominated by the Chief District Court Judge
- Five practitioner members nominated by the New Zealand Law Society
- One lay member nominated by the Minister of Justice
- Two student (or young lawyer) members nominated by the New Zealand Law Students' Association; and may also include not more than one member nominated by the New Zealand Council of Legal Education.

The Deans of the Law Faculties of the six New Zealand Law School Universities are ex-officio members of the Council. The Council meets twice a year with special meetings held between as necessary. Further information about the Council, including its annual report, is available on the [NZCLE website](#).