LIFE AND HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP GUIDELINES

LIFE MEMBERSHIP
• Life Membership can be conferred by the Council of The Law Society upon any Member who holds a current practising certificate and is nominated for Life Membership by another Member of the Society.

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP
• Life Membership shall become Honorary Life Membership when a Life Member voluntarily ceases to renew his/her current practising certificate.
• Honorary Life Membership can be conferred by the Council of The Law Society upon any Member, who having ceased to hold a current practising certificate, is nominated for Honorary Life Membership by another Member of the Society.

INFORMATION TO BE PROVIDED
Any nomination made by a Member must be supported by a submission of material which allows the Council to determine whether the nominee meets its criteria for conferring Life or Honorary Life Membership. The nomination must also be accompanied by a second reference supporting the nomination.

Please note that the following information should be included when making a nomination for Life or Honorary Life Membership:
• Your connection with the nominee, including how long you have known the nominee and in what capacity.
• Any relevant current and previous professional positions held by the nominee.
• Any relevant current and previous community positions held by the nominee.
• Any relevant examples of the nominee’s distinguished and meritorious service (including dates if known) to:
  • the Law Society;
  • the law;
  • the legal profession; or
  • through the utilisation of their legal skills, the benefit of the community.
• A statement as to how that service is meritorious of Life or Honorary Life Membership.
• A statement as to why you support the nomination.
• Any other relevant information that you believe supports the nomination.
• A second reference supporting the nomination.

Nominations should be made by email to registry@lawsociety.com.au or by letter addressed to The Registry Manager, The Law Society of New South Wales, 170 Phillip Street, Sydney or DX 362 Sydney.

Please note that cross checks are also made with Professional Standards to ensure that those being considered are fit and proper persons.