



Michael Tidball
CEO, The Law Society of New South Wales

Michael Tidball was appointed Chief Executive Officer of the Law Society of New South Wales in 2006. In recent years, he has also concurrently served as Secretary General of LAWASIA.

Michael Tidball has worked in both the government and business sectors in Australia, working in strategic management and senior policy advisory roles. He has also served as Special Advisor to the Public Accounts Committee of the New South Wales Parliament.

Mr Tidball has a strong background in professional services and legal sector administration. He was appointed Chief Operating Officer of the Law Society of New South Wales in 2004, and has led many of its initiatives to position it as one of the of the largest, most resilient and successful voluntary direct membership regulating Law Societies internationally. Among the key reforms during his tenure have been the lead role played by the Society in the move to a national legal services market in Australia, the development of segmented approaches to respond to the different needs of private in-house and government lawyers, as well as a range of legal policy reforms. These have embraced representational responses to diverse reforms including personal injury, business law and litigation and dispute resolution. A current key focus is leading the Society to respond in its service offering to the forces of innovation, disruption, technology change and artificial intelligence.

In his work as Secretary General of LAWASIA, Mr Tidball oversees representational and policy work in pursuit of the Rule of Law as expressed through the human rights and business law activities of this international association. LAWASIA enjoys United Nations Observer Status and membership of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law.

Michael Tidball serves as a Director of Lawcover Insurance Pty Ltd and LawCover Pty Ltd as well as of LAWASIA Holdings. He also serves on the Board of Management of Quality in the Law, and is a member of the Council of the Francis Forbes Society for Australian Legal History.

Mr Tidball has a strong and active interest in classical music, and in his spare time serves as Chair of the Board of The Song Company, Australia's leading and internationally highly acclaimed classical vocal ensemble.