

THE LAW SOCIETY OF NEW SOUTH WALES STRATEGIC PLAN 2019-2022



REGULATION

High professional standards and integrity within the profession

- Support solicitors to maintain the highest levels of ethical and professional standards, improving services for clients and the community
- Undertake regulatory functions fairly and without bias, promoting community and government confidence in the NSW regulatory framework
- Help practitioners meet their regulatory obligations by providing education and assistance in the areas of ethics, costs and regulatory compliance
- Engage with other regulatory authorities to ensure the ongoing success and efficacy of the NSW co-regulatory framework while maintaining the independence of the legal profession
- Support the adoption of uniform legal profession legislation nationally and advocate for regulatory legislative improvements when required
- Support law practices seeking to draw on the experience of foreign lawyers, including by advocating for appropriate changes to the regulatory framework, and promote international market access for NSW solicitors



ADVOCACY

Leadership in law reform and the rule of law

- Promote and protect justice and the rule of law, preserving the integrity of the legal system
- Drive law reform and legal policy in Australian and international arenas
- Provide expert and technical assistance to government and Parliament in the development of legal policy
- Engage and empower the legal profession via the Law Society's advocacy work
- Educate and inform the community about the law and legal issues, including the importance of the rule of law
- Advocate for a well-resourced and accessible justice system
- Promote the value of the pro bono work the profession undertakes
- Advocate for regulatory policy and legislation which is accessible and workable for members of the community and the solicitors advising them



VALUE

Excellence in service to the profession

- Communicate effectively with the profession via multi-media channels catering to the diverse needs and preferences of all practice segments
- Provide extensive, timely and varied content to educate, inform and inspire lawyers at all stages of their careers, and support them in meeting compliance obligations
- Facilitate networking opportunities to sustain a strong community of lawyers linked by collegiality, mutual support and a foundational respect for the rule of law
- Drive dialogue around and support services for the profession's wellbeing requirements
- Develop market- and thought-leading CPD, conferences and events to support the profession's educational needs
- Facilitate access to lifestyle and practice products and services to assist members
- Provide reliable and accessible practice and professional support services for all practitioners



SUSTAINABILITY

A relevant and viable association for the profession

- Help practitioners to adapt and innovate in the face of change affecting the profession, including by exploring new types or ways of delivering legal services
- Pursue opportunities for collaboration with professional, academic and other Australian and international organisations which share the Law Society's objectives
- Promote the profession as one of distinction, actively demonstrating its value and contribution to the community
- Champion diversity and inclusion in legal practice by supporting attraction and retention strategies and reporting on the demographics of the profession
- Maintain an internal culture that reflects the values of the profession, including advocacy for the rule of law and professional integrity
- Diversify revenue streams through the growth of existing and the introduction of new services beyond those currently offered to our members
- Ensure ongoing financial strength and viability through increased operating efficiency, prudent investment and strategic resource allocation, and continued improvement in governance and risk management processes

