



THE LAW SOCIETY  
OF NEW SOUTH WALES

## NOTICE OF FORTHCOMING ELECTION OF COUNCILLORS – 2023

17 August 2023

### Retirement of Councillors

The following six Councillors are due to retire as Councillors at the Annual General Meeting of The Law Society of New South Wales which will be held at **4.00pm on Thursday 26 October 2023**:

#### City Councillor

HUGH MACKEN

#### Government Councillor

JENNIFER WONG

#### Large Firm Councillor

JENNIFER WINDSOR

#### Councillors (2)

LAUREN ABSALOM

ADRIANA CARE

#### Young Lawyer Councillor

LEAH SERAFIM

All of the retiring Councillors are eligible to stand for re-election.

The following two Councillors resigned from the Council during 2023:

#### Suburban Councillor

DANNY BRICKNELL

#### Councillor (1)

MICHELLE MEARES

Had these two Councillors not resigned, they also would have been due for retirement at the 2023 Annual General Meeting.

Following the 2022 review of the composition and governance of the Law Society Council, members adopted an amended Law Society Constitution at the 2022 Annual General Meeting. The amended

Constitution requires that the Council includes 1 City Councillor, 1 Suburban Councillor, 1 Country Councillor, 1 Corporate Councillor, 1 Government Councillor, 1 Large Firm Councillor, 1 Young Lawyer Councillor and 8 unreserved Councillors and, in accordance with clause 12.1.1, any Senior Office Bearer whose elected term of office has expired.

Up until the 2022 amendments, the Constitution required that the Council included 2 Councillors from each of the City, Suburban, Country, Corporate, Government and Large Firm segments. To give effect to the transition, clause 3.2 of the amended Constitution provides that the first of each two Reserved Positions to become vacant will be permanently removed (**Transitional Provisions**).

Taking into consideration the Transitional Provisions, in 2023 **THREE** of the vacancies created by the above retirees/resignations are to be filled by a process of election of *3 x unreserved Councillors*. Each of these positions is for a 3-year term. The fourth vacancy is to be filled by the appointment of the Young Lawyer Councillor for a 1-year term in accordance with clause 12.1.2 of the Law Society's Constitution.

### Nomination of Solicitor Members for election to Council

A completed Nomination Form for election to positions on the Council and a completed Candidate Information Form, each in the required form, must be received by the Company Secretary of the Law Society **not later than 4.00pm on Monday 18 September 2023**.

Nominees are invited to submit, at their earliest opportunity and not later than 4.00pm on Monday 18 September 2023, biographical detail (limit 100 words) and a recent portrait photograph. The biographical detail and photograph will be included with the Voting Paper forwarded to all Solicitor Members.



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## Voting

Members are advised that, for the 2023 Council Election, members will only receive a printed ballot paper together with hard copy voting instructions if they have requested them by submitting the form made available in our communications during July and August. Members who have a unique email address recorded with the Society (i.e. members who receive emails from the Law Society to a personalised email account) will again be forwarded an invitation to vote electronically. Members are encouraged to vote electronically. Please note, members without a unique email address recorded with the Society will receive a hard copy ballot paper and voting instructions regardless of whether they have opted in for hard copies.

The ballot will close at **2.00pm on Monday 23 October 2023**. The Company Secretary shall declare the candidates elected to fill vacancies and the votes received by each candidate at the Annual General Meeting to be held at 4.00pm on Thursday 26 October 2023. Details will also be published following the Annual General Meeting.

A Nomination Form, a Candidate Information Form, an outline of the requirements relating to biographical material and information about the responsibilities of Council membership may be obtained from:

### Company Secretary

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