

TRANSITION FROM LAW SCHOOL TO LEGAL PRACTICE

LAW SCHOOL



PRACTICAL LEGAL TRAINING



APPLY TO LPAB FOR ADMISSION

Now a lawyer but still not entitled to engage in legal practice.
Still need to seek leave to appear before a court.



APPLY TO LAW SOCIETY OF NSW FOR PRACTISING CERTIFICATE

Now a solicitor/counsel/legal practitioner, entitled to engage in supervised legal practice. No longer need to seek leave to appear before state courts.



**APPLY TO HIGH COURT OF AUSTRALIA FOR ADMISSION
IF APPEARING BEFORE FEDERAL COURTS**

No longer need to seek leave to appear.

'LAWYER' AND 'SOLICITOR' – WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE?

- 'Australian lawyer' means a person admitted to the Australian legal profession in NSW or any other jurisdiction.¹
- 'solicitor' means an Australian legal practitioner whose Australian practising certificate is not subject to a condition that the holder is authorised to engage in legal practice as or in the manner of a barrister only.²
- A person cannot take or use the titles 'solicitor', 'counsel', 'legal practitioner', 'attorney', or 'barrister' without a current Australian practising certificate.³

¹ *Legal Profession Uniform Law* (NSW), s 6.

² *Ibid.*

³ *Ibid.*, s 12; *Legal Profession Uniform General Rules 2015*, s 9.

