

LEGAL PRACTICE BOARD CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION 2021

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Pursuant to rule 33(2)(a) of the *Legal Profession Rules 2009* the order of candidates has been determined by the drawing of lots.

Please note * indicates a current member standing for re-election.

Stewart, Shane

I practice mostly in commercial litigation at Francis Burt Chambers. I am the Chair of the Law Society's Commercial Law Committee, the Society's Representative on the ASIC WA Regional Liaison Committee and a member of the Competition Committee of the Business Law Section of the Law Council. Before joining the bar, I was a solicitor at Clifford Chance and Johnson Winter & Slattery and the Associate to Justice Eric Heenan of the Supreme Court.

Kavanagh, Maureen T

I have degrees in Jurisprudence, Law and Commerce, majoring in Management, and a Graduate Certificate in Public Sector Management. I have been with Legal Aid WA since 1993 and as the Director of the Criminal Law Division since 2008. Knowledge and experience of the law, its practice and procedure has been fundamental to all my roles. I have considerable experience as a senior executive and a track record of fostering skilled, collaborative and resilient staff.

***Fiocco, John G**

I have been on the Board for 12 years. I am currently the Acting Chairman, Convenor of the Professional Affairs Committee, Member of the Admissions and Registration Committee and previously, the Legal Professional Complaints Committee. I was one of the few members of the Board practicing as a Solicitor of a small busy general practice and I now practice solely as a Barrister at Fourth Floor Chambers.

***Schlink, Sabina M**

Sabina has worked 36 years as In-House Counsel in the financial services industry and as a sole practitioner. Throughout her 17 years as an elected member of the Legal Practice Board she has been a voice for In-House lawyers and sole practitioners. She is the Past President and a Life member of ACC (formerly ACLA). She is the Convener of Registrations and Admissions Committee for the Board and a member of the Board's other Committees.

Baker, Jonathan F

I am a UWA graduate, and a Senior Associate in Squire Patton Boggs' Litigation team. I was a Law Clerk for several years in my father's suburban legal practice. Since admission, I have practised in corporate insolvency and litigation at a large independent firm and at international firms. I am well acquainted with the operations of law firms of all sizes, firm practice management, and lawyers' daily practices within the broad spectrum of legal practices.

Pascoe, Amy L

Amy Pascoe is one of WA's leading costs practitioners, having given expert evidence in the Federal Court of Australia, and having appeared in costs matters in most jurisdictions in WA and in complex domestic and International Arbitrations. Passionate about costs, Amy regularly provides CLE to lawyers and law students, and is the co-founder/co-lecturer of the Murdoch Law School Costs Unit. Amy is also an active member of the Law Society Costs Committee.

***Mack, Gary N**

Sole practitioner. Deputy Convenor of the Board's Public Affairs Committee, member of the CPD and Management Committees. Member of the Law Society of WA Council and Convenor of their Access to Justice Committee and member of the Law Council of Australia's Access to Justice Committee. Councillor for the Town of Cambridge and member of two school Boards. Graduate of the AICD. Accessible. Committed to governance excellence and fair representation of all lawyers at the Board.

***Femia, Patricia A**

Patricia has served on the LPBWA since 2019. Currently she is an Assistant State Counsel in the State Solicitor's Office and from 2002 to 2018 worked in State and Federal DPP Offices. She is a Royal Australian Air Force Legal Officer. Patricia holds degrees from Adelaide University in law and commerce, a Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice and two Master of Laws degrees from UWA and the University of Turin, Italy/the United Nations.

***Heath, Rebecca T**

Of Counsel, Squire Patton Boggs (part time)

First elected to the Legal Practice Board in 2015, I currently serve as a member of the Admissions and Registrations Committee and as Deputy Convenor of the Professional Development Committee. Admitted in 2009, if re-elected I will bring to the board the perspective of mid-career members of the profession juggling professional and family responsibilities.

Cornish, Lorraine S

As a sole practitioner of Newton Legal, it can be one of isolation and stress. Sole/small legal practices need their own representatives, with issues relating to the processes and procedures, utilised by the LPBWA/LPCCWA. It is time for grassroots representation, from the neglected silent majority, of the profession. I will set up a dedicated phone number to advance your unheard concerns. Over regulation is killing our industry. Save endangered sole/small legal practices. Vote for positive change.

Morrison, Kimberley L

Kim Morrison is an Accredited Family Law Specialist and Head of Practice – Family Law at Cullen Macleod Lawyers. She serves on the Law Society of WA accreditation committee.

Practitioners need a Legal Practice Board that truly appreciates the issues faced by them each day. Representation by a family lawyer like Kim Morrison, who properly understands your point of view, understands the challenges you face, and has first-hand experience with clients, is essential.

Pantano, Nadia D

Senior anti-corruption lawyer experienced in complex corruption and bribery matters with a focus on governance and responsible business conduct.

Highly analytical and strategic thinker with a strong bias toward pragmatic and solution oriented advice. Trusted advisor within a multi-disciplinary team with experience in public and private spheres. Highly respected for diplomacy, collegiality and integrity.

A strong proponent of driving social change, motivated by a grounded values system.

Newton, Robert G

Principle of Newton's Law. I am concerned with a lack of industry referendums to determine major changes (i.e. Victoria and NSW dictated uniform laws), effecting small law firms. Major issues should not be left to elites alone to decide, it is our livelihoods that may suffer. More regulation is crippling the small legal practice operator. COVID19 exposed the prevailing dogma and methodology as being out of touch with the real world, experienced by ordinary lawyers.

Silver, Chad S

Chad Silver is a sole practitioner specialising in criminal law and contentious litigation in the Magistrates Court. His background in science and mathematics gives him the ability to find legal solutions using lateral thinking processes which are underpinned with logical legal arguments. Mr Silver's friendly approachable nature and grounded insights would be of great benefit to the Board.