

LEGAL PRACTICE BOARD

CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION 2020

Four (4) pages in total.

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 current members standing for re-election.

Adam, Mary V

Mary has worked primarily as in-house counsel for nearly 25 years after a pre-legal career in public health and local government.

Currently WA President of Association of Corporate Counsel (ACC) and General Counsel at Department of Local Government and Cultural Industries.

She has many years' experience in developing and applying regulatory frameworks. Her board experience includes her currently Deputy Chair Local Government Advisory Board, Director ACC, previously ACT Domestic Crisis Service, Darwin Community Legal Service.

Yeldon, Joel C

Joel Yeldon was admitted as a Barrister & Solicitor in March 2000. He has been a Barrister in Perth since 2008.

He is presently serving on the WA Bar Association Council.

He has previously served on several committees of the Law Society of WA, including a short stint on the Council of the Law Society in 2019.

He has not previously been elected to the Legal Practice Board.

Newton, Robert (Greg)

Principal of Newton's Law. I am concerned with the demonization and disrespect shown to sole/small practice lawyers, by unelected bureaucrats. The unimaginative answer to change is more regulation which is crippling the small legal practice operator. The pendulum is out of balance. This has resulted in bureaucrats and legislators, unintentionally sending a message to the public, that brings hard-working, dedicated and honest lawyers into disrepute. If elected, I will be contactable by email/phone 24/7.

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.

Coulson, Maria L

Maria-Luisa Coulson is one of WA's foremost experts in costs law, having acted as counsel in some of WA's leading costs decisions. She has had papers published, given expert evidence and regularly lectures to lawyers/law students. As a member of the Law Society Costs Committee, she is involved in the development of costs practice, procedure and reform. Maria-Luisa is a Grade 3 Arbitrator (JAMA) and is on the LSWA's Panel of Mediators and Arbitrators.

Wilson, Robert G

I express my interest in continuing to represent you on our Legal Practice Board. I trust that my time in the profession since 1992 (principally as a prosecutor with ODPP(WA), experience in committee roles with community organisations (FreshStart Naltrexone Programme, Criminal Lawyers Association, Prison Fellowship), and experience assisting ADF members as a legal officer in the RAAF Reserve, will enable me to assist in the work of the Board.

Ciffolilli, Anna

Till recently, General Counsel Legislation and Litigation at Curtin University. I have practised for over thirty years, including at the now State Solicitor's Office, ASIC, Finance Broker's "Scandal", "WA Inc Royal Commission" and Corrs. Broad experience in litigation and disputes. Experienced board member on the Multicultural and Ethnic Affairs Commission, Psychologists Board, Electrical Licensing Board, Architects Board, Physiotherapists Board, Governing Council of West Coast TAFE, Hollywood Private Hospital Committees and the Contaminated Sites Committee.

Syminton, John G

- Practises in commercial law area with particular reference to property matters.
- Vice President of the Law Society – 1995 and 1996 – President of the Law Society 1997.
- Past Member of the Law Society General Conditions for the Sale of Land Committee.
- Member of Legal Costs Committee for a number of years, including holding the positions of Deputy Convenor and Chair of the Legal Costs Committee.
- Current Member Legal Practice Board and Board Committees.

Hockley, John J

Barrister, Francis Burt Chambers.

Member of the Law Society and various other legal organisations.

Teacher of Succession Law at UWA Law School;

Co-author of: "Wills Probate and Administration Service (WA)"; LexisNexis 1999+
"Australian Commercial Arbitration", LexisNexis, 2015.

Regular presenter at CPD Seminars;

Legal Practice Board Member;

Aim to continue to represent to the best I can all members of the Legal profession as we move towards joining the National Legal profession.

Liscia, Anna M

- Admitted to practice in WA in 1983.
- Employed by Mallesons for 11 years, before establishing and operating own firms from 1994 to 2018.
- Special Counsel engaged by IRDI Legal.
- Elected to the Board in July 1999. Deputy Chair from 2004 to 2006. Chair of Board from April 2007 to April 2012 (not eligible for re-election), Convenor of Management Committee from 2012.
- Currently serving on the Board's Management and Admissions & Registration Committees.

Bailey, Chris R

I have practiced in commercial litigation for over 10 years and am committed to ensuring the maintenance of professional standards without over-regulation.

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 setup 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.

Pascoe, Amy L

Amy is passionate about costs law, having appeared in costs matters in most jurisdictions in WA, and having represented parties in relation to costs in both domestic and International Arbitrations. Amy completed her Bachelor of Laws with First Class Honours at Murdoch University in 2015, and has maintained a strong connection with Murdoch, most recently as one of the principal lecturers in the Costs Unit since 2016. In addition, Amy regularly provides CLE to lawyers.

Droppert, Graham

Based on over 30 years as a barrister and solicitor, I appreciate the realities of a lawyer's challenges. I have governance and financial experience at Board level. In July I will be the National President of the Australian Lawyers Alliance.

It is possible to support high ethical standards whilst understanding the day-to-day demands on lawyers. I undertake to listen and understand, provide guidance and support rather than jump to conclusions.

Thornhill, Murray N

Refer to my profile page on LinkedIn for background and experience.

Hicks, Christopher G

Christopher is a senior associate at Herbert Smith Freehills. He has practiced in Perth and Hong Kong. He is an experienced disputes lawyer specialising in corporate crime and misconduct, investigations, and contentious regulatory matters. He has an unwavering commitment to professional ethics and responsibility, and has advised about legal profession regulations. Christopher is also passionate about fostering a diverse and inclusive profession.

Panetta, Enore A

I was admitted in 1998 after completing articles with *Dwyer Durack*. I practiced in insurance with *Phillips Fox* from 1998 - 2000, and then in litigation and dispute resolution with *Clayton Utz* from 2000 – 2009, focussing on medical defence and professional indemnity. Since starting *Panetta McGrath* in 2009, I have advised and represented primarily healthcare practitioners in professional negligence, employment, disciplinary and coronial proceedings, whilst managing a small - medium sized firm.

Sadler, Peter E

I am a Senior Associate at the firm Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan, which specialises in commercial litigation. Prior to working at Quinn Emanuel, I worked in the dispute resolution teams at Slaughter & May in London and Herbert Smith Freehills in Perth. If elected, I would look to give a voice to in-house and commercial law firm colleagues on matters that come before the Board. Thank you for your consideration.

Cox, David B

I have been a lawyer for over 18 years and currently practice as a barrister specialising in commercial law. For almost 6 years, I have also chaired the Law Reform Commission of Western Australia. I regularly teach law at tertiary level in addition to presenting seminars that have been accredited for CPD points. This year, the profession will face huge challenges, I offer my experience to assist meeting those challenges.

Durand, Anthony A

I am involved in the following:

1. Law Society Mock Trial Competition
2. Law Society Lawyers in Schools
3. Law Society Mentoring
4. Law Reform Committee – Succession Law/Elder Abuse

My perspective is that of a private suburban practitioner. I wide professional experience, including civil, criminal, family , restraining order, defamation, property, extradition and inheritance challenges. I have a practical problem solving attitude and welcome the opportunity to serve the profession

Houweling, Timothy

Adjunct Professor, LLM, LLB, BA.

I have over 20 years as a commercial litigator and representing local governments. Against this backdrop, I contribute to the Legal Profession as an Adjunct Professor lecturing ethics at university and delivering Law Society, Legalwise and Piddington Society seminars, I am a member of the Law Society education committee and provide probono legal services. I would like to serve the profession as a member of the LPB.

Hunter-Lange, Carol A

Admitted to the Supreme Court of New South Wales, prior to being admitted in Western Australia in 2006.

Worked in Private Practice at Meredith Hunter & Associates for a number of years before spending 10 years as a Sole Practitioner

Currently employed as a Senior Solicitor at the Aboriginal Legal Service of Western Australia

I bring to the Board dedication, integrity, insight and a deep interest in procedural fairness and natural justice.

McAllister, Jo

I am the Principal of a small commercial legal practice in an inner city suburb. We currently have three professional staff, and provide legal advice and assistance on general commercial matters, administrative law and personal injuries. I believe it is important for the Legal Practice Board to reflect fully the experience and diversity of practitioners across the profession and would be honoured to be elected to serve on the Legal Practice Board.

Conteh, Kaday (also known as Flavell, Yakaday L)

Kaday is a dual-qualified (Australia/England & Wales) lawyer who has previously worked for Clayton Utz in Perth and Stephenson Harwood in London, including a stint working in Singapore. She has over 10 years' experience as a real estate lawyer. She is a working mother of two who has lived in Perth since 2011 and is passionate about making the Legal Practice Board more reflective and representative of Perth's diverse legal community.

Silver, Chad S

I am a sole practitioner specialising in Civil Litigation and Criminal Law. I have served on numerous boards/committees including the Curtin University Council, Murdoch University Law School Board, The Law Society Mental Health & Wellbeing committee.

My diverse background, insights and experience put me in a great position to ensure that the realistic challenges of being a legal practitioner within a small firm are acknowledged and acted upon.