

2020 Council Nominations

COUNTRY MEMBER – ONE TO BE ELECTED FOR A TWO YEAR TERM

Melita Medcalf*

I am the Solicitor in Charge of Legal Aid's Pilbara Office. I am passionate about access to justice, engagement with Aboriginal voices and building team resilience in the legal profession. Currently serving on the Society's Indigenous Legal Issues and Country Practitioners Committee, I seek election to share my perspectives and experiences with the Society's council.



I have been in legal practice for nine years, commencing with the Office of the DPP in NSW. Since then, I have spent most of my career in the Pilbara, with roles in ALS, Legal Aid and KJ Rangers. I became Solicitor in Charge of the Pilbara in January 2019.

My key areas of interest are:

- Addressing the isolation of regional practitioners;
- Supporting the Society's initiatives in building cultural understanding and competency; and
- Contributing to the Society's important work supporting the health and wellbeing of practitioners.

Jamie Hodgkinson*

I began practice in Albany 11 years ago after working for national firms in Perth, where I was also raised and educated.



My desire to move to a rural environment arose from a decision to achieve a more sustainable pace of life and to assist individuals, small business and farmers with all the issues that life brings.

I was recently recommended by Doyles for Agribusiness Law.

I would be pleased to have the opportunity to represent country practitioners and make a positive contribution to the Law Society Council.

JUNIOR MEMBERS – THREE TO BE ELECTED FOR A ONE YEAR TERM

Demi Swain

I am a solicitor at Bennett + Co and I was a Junior Member of Council in 2019. During my time as a Junior Member, I have gained insight and appreciation of the matters facing the legal profession and the importance of the role of the Law Society. As a recently admitted solicitor, I believe I have good insight into the issues, concerns and passions of the future of the legal profession. In particular, I am enthusiastic about promoting and fostering collegiality in the profession, mental health and wellbeing and access to justice.



I have thoroughly enjoyed my time on Council and I am committed to advocating for these issues in 2020.

Thomas Camp

I am currently working as a solicitor at the Inquiry into the City of Perth having previously worked as a solicitor at Mony De Kerloy Barristers and Solicitors and as the associate to the Hon. Justice Le Miere. I have served on the Brief Editorial Committee since April 2017.



I am committed to serving the profession wherever possible, such as mentoring in the Law Society's junior mentoring program, judging mock trials and regularly contributing to Brief.

As a Junior Member of Council, I aim to help continue its good work with a focus on supporting members of the legal profession on a practical and personal level as well as improving outcomes for vulnerable members of the community involved in the legal system.

Gemma Swan

I am an Associate at Butlers, Lawyers & Notaries, working primarily in Family Law.

Having worked in the legal profession for almost 3 years, I have gained an appreciation for the issues that legal practitioners face and am eager to valuably contribute to the development of the profession. With my experience in Family Law, and having worked in the not-for-profit health sector, I am passionate about ensuring that the testing environments we work in are managed so as to foster positive mental health within the profession.



While at university, I volunteered at Law Access and gained insight into the importance of contributing to the profession. I am seeking election as a Junior Member to advocate for the more junior lawyers, and the issues they face in the first years of practice.

I am enthusiastic about my work and helping others, and would embrace the role of Junior Member.

Lea Hiltenkamp

I am employed at Glen McLeod Legal, a boutique firm which specialises in environment and town planning law.



I wish to nominate as a junior member of the Law Society Council in order to contribute to discussions and actions on topics affecting not only the legal profession but also the West Australian community. I have a particularly strong interest in social justice issues and opportunities for reform. This interest has developed throughout my practical legal training with the Piddington Society as well as through volunteering with both Law Access and the Environmental Defender's Office.

HAVE YOUR SAY

Ballot papers will be electronically transmitted to members eligible to vote on Wednesday, 30 October 2019 by independent voting services organisation CorpVote. Voting will close at 3.00pm WST on Wednesday, 13 November 2019.

*Preferred position as specified by nominee

Candidates are listed in order as per the independent ballot draw performed by CorpVote