



THE LAW SOCIETY  
OF NEW SOUTH WALES

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## ABOUT THE LAW SOCIETY OF NSW

As the largest and most influential legal membership association in Australia, the Law Society of NSW represents the interests of more than 43,000 solicitors across NSW. Our dual role encompasses acting as the co-regulator of the legal profession, to ensure solicitors uphold the highest ethical and professional standards, and serving our members throughout their legal careers by offering a range of comprehensive support and services.



# WHAT WE DO



## Enhancing the voice of the profession

We encourage debate and actively drive law reform through policy submissions and open dialogue with governments, parliamentary bodies, the courts and the Attorney-General's department.

## Regulating the profession

As part of our co-regulatory duties, we set and enforce professional standards, license solicitors to practise, investigate complaints and administer discipline to ensure the community is served by ethical and responsible solicitors.



## Guiding the profession

Through our multiple departments, we provide confidential and general guidance to solicitors about their professional obligations, ethical and compliance issues and aspects of the Legal Profession Uniform Law.

## Uniting the profession

We help members across the state stay in touch with legal developments and fellow solicitors through a range of publications, networking opportunities and regional law societies.



## Supporting our members

No matter your area of law or stage of practice, we develop and execute a wide range of professional development, wellbeing, networking and career focused events and resources designed to support our members throughout their personal and professional lives.



## Connecting the profession and the community

We ensure the public has appropriate access to justice and can easily be connected to members of the profession.



# YOUR LAW SOCIETY

## HIGH SCHOOL



The Law Society hosts a number of flagship events and competitions designed to nurture and inspire high school students through teaching key legal skills and providing insightful career information including our Mock Trial and Mock Mediation Competitions, Young Justice Program and Future Young Lawyers webinars.

## EARLY CAREER LAWYER



As an early career lawyer, we're here to help you navigate your challenging and exciting first years of practice. The Law Society provides a number of practitioner development, networking and social initiatives and opportunities designed to help you understand your obligations under the Legal Profession Uniform Law (NSW) to start your career on the right foot.

### Get involved with NSW Young Lawyers:

If you are a solicitor under the age of 36 or within your first five years of practice, our NSW Young Lawyers Committee hosts a number of meetings and events throughout the year for members.

Find out more: [younglawyers.com.au](http://younglawyers.com.au) and follow us: [@nswyounglawyers](https://www.instagram.com/nswyounglawyers)

# MEMBER JOURNEY

## UNIVERSITY



If you're currently studying or have recently completed a course in law, you're eligible to sign up for complimentary student membership. You'll gain access to a range of career-focused events and initiatives, networking and social opportunities, wellbeing support, exclusive member discounts and a wealth of informative resources and publications. These resources are designed to assist you throughout your studies and help ease your transition into practice, so you can start your legal career with confidence.

## SOLICITOR



Throughout the remainder of your legal career, the Law Society offers a number of high-quality CPD events and webinars to help you meet your legal obligations under the Legal Profession Uniform Law (NSW), opportunities to obtain specialist accreditation in your chosen area of law, and programs and support to advance your career or start your own practice. You can also connect with other members and contribute to law reform by joining one of our regulatory, liaison or policy committees.



## LAW SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP TYPES

The Law Society has a number of different membership types accessible throughout your career:

### **Student membership**

For those studying law or who have successfully completed a course in law at any university, college or institution in Australia recognised for admission as a lawyer in Australia and who signifies intention to practise as a legal practitioner.

### **Associate membership**

For those admitted to practise law in a State or Territory of Australia but who do not hold a practising certificate issued by the Law Society.

### **Solicitor membership**

For all those admitted to practise law in NSW with a current practising certificate issued by the Law Society.





Law Society of Queensland

THE LAW SOCIETY OF QUEENSLAND

2024 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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# Curious Lawyer



# STUDENT MEMBERSHIP

The Law Society is here to support you throughout your studies and transition into practice to help you become the best lawyer you can be. As a student member, you gain access to:

- High-quality career focused, professional development, wellbeing, social and networking events
- Expertly curated resources and publications
- Wellbeing support services and resources
- Exclusive member discounts

**Find out more:**  
[lawsociety.com.au/student-membership](https://lawsociety.com.au/student-membership)



## Events:

Be the first to know about upcoming Law Society in-person, hybrid and virtual events and webinars including:

- Law Students Careers Summit
- Ready for Practice Day
- Golden Gavel competitions
- Staying Well in the Law webinar series
- Annual Conference

And much more!

**Stay up to date:**  
[lawsociety.com.au/student-events](https://lawsociety.com.au/student-events)

## Resources:

The Law Society offers a wealth of informative resources and publications to support you throughout your studies and stay up to date with the latest legal trends and news such as our Student Connect e-newsletter, Just Chat, Brief Exchange podcasts and online student resources page.

**Find out more:**  
[lawsociety.com.au/student-resources](https://lawsociety.com.au/student-resources)



## Career & professional support:

Learn more about and gain clarity on legal career pathways with our range of events, programs and resources including:

- Graduate & Clerkship Recruitment Programs
- Law Students Careers Summit
- Pathways into Law Series



## Member Benefits:

Through our student member benefits program, you'll gain access to a number of exclusive discounts on a range of personal, lifestyle and business products and services offers.

### View current offers and benefits:

[lawsociety.com.au/student-member-benefits](https://lawsociety.com.au/student-member-benefits)



## Wellbeing:

The wellbeing of our members is paramount. That's why we offer a range of wellbeing support services and initiatives including:

- Monthly Staying Well in the Law webinar series
- Solicitor Wellbeing Service
- Student Wellbeing Series
- A range of informative wellbeing articles and resources

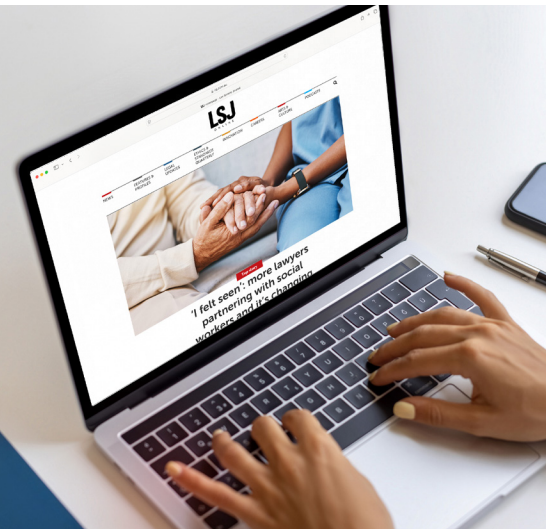
### Visit our wellbeing hub:

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# EXCLUSIVE PUBLICATIONS AND RESOURCES

Knowledge is power. We ensure our members are kept informed and up to date through a range of quality, expertly curated digital and print publications to cover all your needs.



## LSJ Online

Our multi-award-winning flagship publication, the Law Society Journal (LSJ), is published quarterly and includes essays from renowned thought-leaders, comprehensive coverage from the regions and fresh content on the arts and culture. Via LSJ online, you can access all LSJ content including archives of every edition since 1963.

**Visit:**  
[ljs.com.au](https://ljs.com.au)



## Newsletters

Our Monday Briefs, Student Connect and Debrief e-newsletters cover key issues and events and offer valuable and timely updates relevant to your stage of practise such as important news and developments, legislative changes, exclusive services for members, as well as upcoming seminars, events and training opportunities.

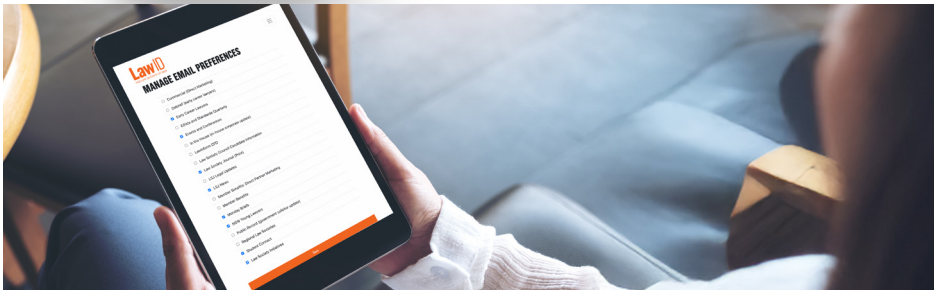
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## Podcasts

Our Just Chat and Brief Exchange podcasts feature interviews and insights from distinguished members of the profession and early career lawyers making and shaping the law in NSW.

**Listen today:**  
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## Publications

The Law Society has produced a range of digital and print publications useful for you as you start your career in law including our Thriving in Law guides for students and early career lawyers, our Pathway to Practise Guide and our NSW Young Lawyers: Demystifying Pro Bono publication.

**Find out more:**  
[lawsociety.com.au/student-resources](https://lawsociety.com.au/student-resources)

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# HOW TO BECOME A STUDENT MEMBER

If you are currently studying, or have recently completed a course in law, sign up for complimentary student membership today:

**STEP 1:** Search: [lawsociety.com.au/student-membership](https://lawsociety.com.au/student-membership)

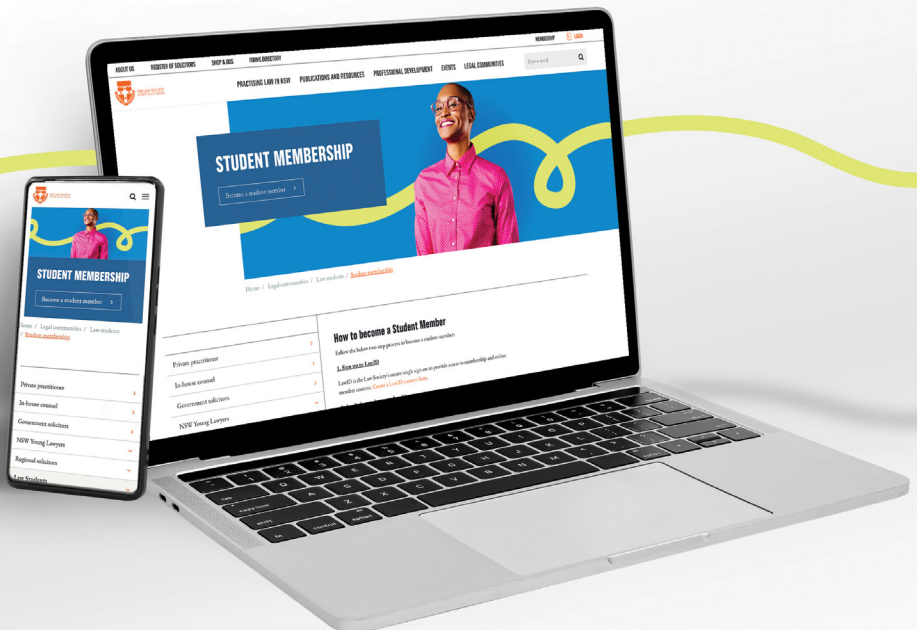
**STEP 2:** Sign up for a LawID at [lawid.com.au](https://lawid.com.au)

**STEP 3:** Complete the student member registration form

Don't miss out, follow us on social media to stay informed and up to date with upcoming events and initiatives:



@LSNSWstudentservices

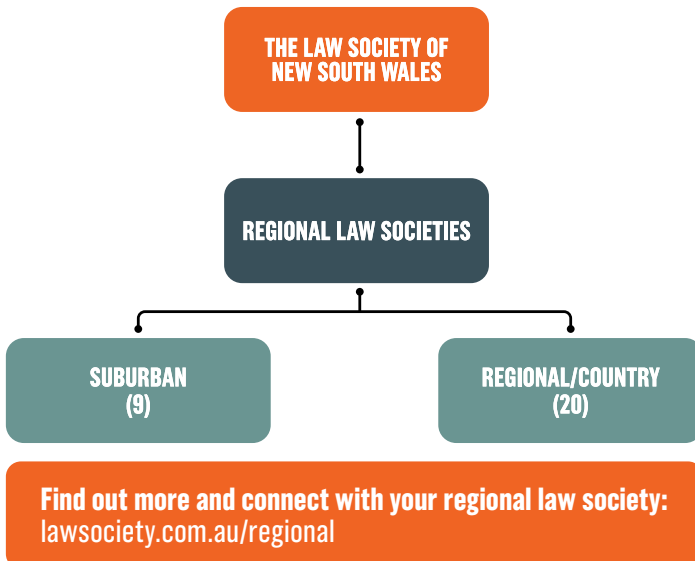


# RURAL, REGIONAL AND REMOTE CAREERS

If you are a student based in rural, regional or remote NSW or considering a career in the regions, the Law Society of NSW and Regional Law Societies (RLS) are here to help.

Across the 29 regions of NSW, the RLS aim to address the unique legal needs and challenges of their members by facilitating networking events, offering professional development opportunities, and advocating for local legal issues.

While each RLS operates independently to cater to the specific interests of its region, they are all connected to the Law Society of NSW, the overarching professional body for solicitors in the state. The Law Society of NSW sets statewide standards, regulatory frameworks, and provides resources that the RLS can utilise. Additionally, it offers a platform for regional concerns to be communicated on a broader level. This relationship fosters collaboration, ensuring that the interests of local communities and the legal profession are effectively represented.



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