

### Public Law Committee

The Public Law Committee is a law reform committee established by the New Zealand Law Society Board to:

1. Provide advice to the Board of the New Zealand Law Society and its committees on issues relating to public law.
2. Provide advice to the President of the New Zealand Law Society on proposed public statements relating to public law.
3. Monitor and contribute to proposals for legislative, regulatory, or other change in the area of public law. The Committee's area of work includes, but is not limited to:
  - a. the Rule of Law.
  - b. Constitutional law, including key constitutional principles such as representative democracy, judicial independence, and the relationship between branches of government.
  - c. Administrative law, including administrative decision making, regulatory frameworks and systems, and the powers and independence of investigative and oversight bodies.
  - d. The structure, functions, and powers of central and local government bodies.
4. Contribute to advocacy for legislative and operational changes which would improve access to justice.
5. Alongside the in-house Law Reform & Advocacy Team, maintain good working relationships with key stakeholders. This may include attending meetings with Government departments, participating on working groups, and working with other representative organisations.
6. Provide advice to the Board of the New Zealand Law Society on potential public interest interventions which raise public law issues, and contribute to intervenor submissions.
7. Work collaboratively with other law reform committees where there are areas of mutual interest and expertise, in particular the International Legal Issues Committee when international rule of law issues are raised and the Human Rights and Privacy Law Committee.