

### **Youth Justice Committee – Terms of Reference**

The Youth Justice Committee is a law reform committee established by the New Zealand Law Society Board.

The purpose of the committee is to:

1. Monitor and comment on proposals that affect the operation of the youth justice system, including any proposed legislative, regulatory, and operational reforms.
2. Proactively advocate for legislative and operational changes which would improve access to justice.
3. Work collaboratively with other law reform committees where there are areas of mutual interest and expertise.
4. 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.
5. Provide advice to the Board of the New Zealand Law Society on issues relating to youth justice, including any potential public interest interventions which raise youth justice issues, and contribute to any intervenor submissions.
6. Liaise with NZLS CLE Ltd (and other key stakeholders) to identify and deliver relevant education programmes, and to encourage on-going learning by practitioners on youth justice issues.

#### **Membership**

The Committee should have a mix of experience and expertise across all areas of youth justice including at least three practising youth advocates spread across different geographical locations.