

President appoints Jane Needham SC and Hament Dhanji SC as NSW Bar Advocates for Change

On 8 June 2017, the President appointed Jane Needham SC and Hament Dhanji SC as NSW Bar Advocates for Change. Their appointments will run until June 2020.

The purpose of the Advocates for Change program is to provide role models who are excellent practitioners and who, through the example of what they do and say in their professional lives as barristers, represent the full width of diversity and inclusion that the NSW Bar Association wishes to promote at the Bar.

The President commented that, 'Jane through her work at the Bar and the NSW Bar Association, demonstrated a commitment to gender equality at the Bar and Hament has through his work, a record of fostering fairness, equity and tolerance in a manner that reflects the social and cultural diversity within the legal profession and the communities we serve.'

As Advocates for Change, Jane and Hament have agreed that over the next three years they will participate in the formulation of strategies to promote equality, diversity and inclusion at the NSW Bar.

Jane is the first female barrister appointed to the Advocates for Change program. Phillip Boulten SC and Steven Finch SC have previously been appointed Advocates for Change.

More information about the NSW Bar Advocates for Change program can be found here:
<http://www.nswbar.asn.au/for-members/equal-opportunity/advocates-for-change>.