



NEW SOUTH WALES
BAR ASSOCIATION

**THE NEW SOUTH WALES BAR ASSOCIATION
BAR COUNCIL**

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**Thursday 24 August 2017
in the Boardroom of the New South Wales Bar Association
at 4.30 pm**

PRESENT: Moses SC; Loukas SC; Game SC; Callan; Weinstein SC;
McHugh SC; Walker; Welsh; Khandhar; Mitchelmore; Izzo;
Higgins (by phone); Gleeson; Antipas

APOLOGIES: Bell SC; Nomchong SC; Shead SC; Katekar; Roy; Hutchinson

IN ATTENDANCE: Executive Director; Deputy Executive Director; Director,
Professional Conduct (for professional conduct matters); Co-
ordinator, Services and Benefits (for part only)

MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of 10 August 2017 were confirmed.

DRAFT EDITED MINUTES

Bar Council noted the draft edited minutes of 27 April 2017, 11 May 2017 and 25 May 2017.

**MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BAR COUNCIL
OF 27 JULY 2017**

Noted.

OUTSTANDING ACTIONS AS AT 17 AUGUST 2017

Noted.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Noted.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Noted.

FINANCE

Noted.

MEMBERSHIP

The following were admitted as Class A – Local Practising Barrister – unless otherwise shown:

Kim Boettcher	Frederick Jordan Chambers
Matthew Guyder	Merewether NSW
Kayt Hogan	Henry Parkes Chambers
Xiao (Johnson) Jiang	Samuel Griffith Chambers
Thomas Woods	Samuel Griffith Chambers
Michelle Yu	Frederick Jordan Chambers

FOR CONSIDERATION

Memorandum to the Bar Council dated 14 August 2017 from Coordinator, Services and Benefits – Services and Benefits

The Co-ordinator, Services and Benefits, attended the meeting to speak to his memorandum.

After some discussion it was agreed to give in-principle support to the proposals in the memorandum, subject to further work being done on the draft budget for the new Department.

The Bar Council thanked the Co-ordinator, Services and Benefits for his work on the project to date.

Mandated topic for CPD Conferences

The Executive Director suggested that the Bar Council may wish to mandate a particular topic for next year's series of CPD conferences.

Draft letter from the President - Conduct Associated with Social Media and at events

The Bar Council agreed that the President's note should be distributed to members via *In Brief* and by way of a letter from the President to all members.

Australian Bar Association National Conference 2018 paperwork

The Bar Council noted the President's letter to the President of the ABA regarding the terms on which the Association is prepared to organise and host the 2018 ABA Conference.

Email to the President dated 23 August 2017 from Anthony Lo Surdo SC – Sports Law Conference and Bar Football State of Origin

The Bar Council noted the invitation to attend the upcoming Sports Law Conference and Bar Football State of Origin tournament to be held at Sydney University next month.

Email to the President dated 22 August 2017 from David Ashton – NAB labs and other states' Bar associations

Noted. The President noted that NAB were making progress on the escrow service project, that they are planning to test a product solution with the Bar and that a draft agreement would be provided for consideration in the near future.

FOR INFORMATION

Letter to the Attorney General dated 4 August 2017 from the President – Review of the *Crimes (Criminal Organisations Control) Act 2012*

Noted.

Memorandum to the Bar Council dated 15 August 2017 from the Professional Development Department/Examination Working Party – NSW Bar Examination – June 2017 Results

Noted.

Memorandum to the Bar Council dated 16 August 2017 from the Director, Professional Development – Key Education Dates for 2018

Noted.

Letter to the Attorney General dated 16 August 2017 from the President – title of Local Court Judicial Officers

Noted.

The following papers were circulated via e-mail prior to the Council meeting.

Letter from the President dated 18 August 2017 to the Attorney General – *Justice Legislation Amendment (Committals and Guilty Pleas) Bill 2017*

Email from the Deputy Executive Director dated 18 August 2017 to Bar Council – Joint statement with the Law Society of NSW and AMA re: Marriage Equality

The meeting closed at 6.10 pm.

Confirmed as a correct record:

Arthur Moses SC

President

Date: