



## New South Wales Bar Association

## FIRST NATIONS LAW STUDENTS CLERKSHIP PROGRAM 2021

Are you interested in a career in law? Keen to learn what a day in the life of a judge or a barrister really looks like?

The New South Wales Bar Association is pleased to offer up to three paid clerkships to First Nations law students this Autumn.

## What does the Clerkship involve?

Clerks will complete 3 x one week rotations, spending:

- a. One week at the Supreme Court of NSW placed with a Judge;
- b. One week at the District Court of NSW placed with a Judge; and
  - c. One week at the NSW Bar with a barrister.

During the Court rotations, clerks will be based in a Judge's chambers and Court Registry. Clerks will attend court, discuss the cases that the Judge is hearing and learn about the Registry's operations. During the Bar rotation, clerks will be placed with and 'shadow' a barrister. This may involve attending client conferences or Court, and undertaking research tasks.

It is anticipated that the rotations will occur during March 2021, subject to COVID-19 restrictions. Please note this is subject to negotiation, taking into account the availability of the clerks, the Courts and supervising barristers.

Applicants who identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander and have successfully completed the first year of a law degree at a recognised Australian University are eligible to apply. Students in their penultimate and final year are encouraged to apply. You do not have to have decided that you want to be a barrister.

## For more information

For more information and to download the application form, visit <a href="https://nswbar.asn.au/uploads/pdf-documents/2021">https://nswbar.asn.au/uploads/pdf-documents/2021</a> NSW Bar Association First Nations Law Students Clerkship Application.pdf

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