



NEW SOUTH WALES
BAR ASSOCIATION

NOTICE

Election of members for the 2026 Bar Council - Voting

Ballot papers for the election of members for the 2026 Bar Council have been mailed to all those eligible to vote.

The list of candidates for the 2026 Bar Council is available on the NSWBA website - [click here for link](#).

All voting members, with the exception of those who have elected not to receive email communications from the Association have been sent a link via email to the electronic platform.

Any member who has not received their paper ballot paper by COB Monday, 3 November 2025, and who wishes to cast a vote using this method, should contact the Association at elections@nswbar.asn.au.

Any member intending to vote using the paper ballot should be aware of the [Australia Post guidance on delivery speeds and coverage](#). Regular letters posted within NSW can take up to 5 business days to arrive. Ballots can be dropped in the mailbox which is outside the NSW Bar Association Library doors in the Sub-Basement at 174 Phillip Street. Please note that the mailbox is only available during library hours (8:30am to 5:30pm).

Return of hard copy ballot paper

The envelope containing the ballot paper must bear the name of the member casting the vote to be valid. Envelopes that do not bear the name of the member casting the vote cannot be counted. Please note that failure to return your ballot paper in an envelope on which your name is legibly printed will invalidate your vote.

Voting via online election platform

Electronic voting is via the Association's online platform - [click here for link](#)

Your vote will NOT be counted until it has been SUBMITTED.

You may edit your selections as many times as you wish BEFORE you submit your vote.

Once your vote has been SUBMITTED it cannot be changed.

How many candidates may you vote for?

There is no requirement to vote for a minimum number of Senior Counsel. Members may vote for up to 21 candidates, in any category.

The 'How to Vote' instruction booklet that was issued with each ballot paper contains detailed information about how a valid vote is cast. Members should take care to complete the ballot paper in accordance with the instructions provided. If any member has a query concerning the completion of the ballot paper they should contact the Bar Association for assistance.

Poll deadline

Ballot papers received after 1.00pm on Thursday, 13 November 2025 will not be counted.

Replacement of ballot papers

Any member who loses or spoils their paper ballot may obtain and complete a replacement paper ballot before the close of poll. You will need to immediately contact the Returning Officer at elections@nswbar.asn.au and attach a Statutory Declaration as to why a replacement paper ballot is required.

Heather Moore
Executive Director and Returning Officer

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