

2025-2026 Committee Members

I am pleased to announce the membership lists for the Bar Association's 2025/2026 committees.

The 2025/2026 committees formally come into effect from 1 July 2025 and Bar Association staff will be in contact with chairs and committee members shortly to settle the details.

We have received an overwhelming number of offers from members to assist in the work of the committees. Thank you to everyone who volunteered.

Unfortunately, it is not possible to take up everyone's offer. During the year the Bar Council invariably needs the assistance of members on a wide range of matters beyond the scope of committees' terms of reference and we hope to be able to call on some of those who have volunteered, but who at this time we have been unable to place on a committee, throughout 2025/2026.

It is critical that committee membership answers the needs of the Bar Council for expertise in particular areas and additionally reflects as wide a cross-section of the Bar, and the community as possible. In accordance with the Association's Guidelines for Committee Tenure and Governance, it is also important for there to be some regular turnover in committee membership. To accommodate the interests of as many members as possible, and to maximise the opportunities available to members, as a general rule, no applicant will sit on more than two committees. The new committees have been chosen with these considerations in mind.

I would like to thank all chairs, committee members and Bar Association staff for their service and contribution in 2024-2025.

I would especially like to thank those committee chairs and members who are not continuing on a committee this year for their tireless assistance in previous years. It reflects the highest standards and best spirit of our Bar that so many members continue to offer their time and expertise on committees.

Dominic Toomey SC

President

27 June 2025

ACCESSIBILITY PANEL

- Sean Docker SC (Chair)
- Kellie Edwards (Deputy Chair)
- Tina Jowett SC
- Valerie Heath
- Christopher Taylor
- Mario Licha
- Alexander Edwards
- Vikram Misra
- Jayneil Shandil
- Matthew Cobb-Clark
- Carolina Soto
- Julian Brezniak
- Alistair Oakes
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ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

- Anthony Lo Surdo SC (Chair)
- Vanessa Thomas SC (Deputy Chair)
- Campbell Bridge SC
- Matthew White SC
- Adam Casselden SC
- Shane Prince SC
- Warwick Tregilgas
- Anne Healey
- Philip Bambagiotti
- Hugh Stowe
- David Liebhold
- Matthew Moir
- Penny Thew
- Craig Carter
- Lucas Shipway
- Heather Breeze
- Wilson Chan
- David Larish
- Mark Sheldon
- Matthias Thompson

BAR NEWS COMMITTEE

- Catherine Gleeson SC (Chair)
- Daniel Klineberg (Deputy Chair)
- Anthony Cheshire SC
- Dominic Villa SC
- Matthew Lewis SC
- Kylie Day
- David Tynan
- David Parrish
- Victoria Brigden
- Ann Bonnor
- Jocelyn Jaffray
- Claire O'Neill
- Nicholas Bentley
- David Townsend
- Naomi Wootton
- David Helvadjian
- Stephen Puttick
- Justin Pen
- Jordan Smith
- Heather Webb
- Harriet Skinner

CLIMATE CHANGE COMMITTEE

- Richard Lancaster SC (Chair)
- Sebastian Hartford Davis (Deputy Chair)
- Tim Game SC
- Naomi Sharp SC
- Mark Seymour SC
- Nicolas Kirby
- Robert White
- Corrina Novak
- Janet McKelvey
- Alexandra Rose
- Zaina Shahnawaz
- Harrison Grace
- Jerome Entwisle
- Ryan Coffey
- Anna Elizabeth
- Richard Reynolds
- Laura Schuijers
- Zoe Bush

- Michele Kearns (Clerk)

COMMON LAW COMMITTEE

- David Hooke SC (Chair)
- Hilbert Chiu SC (Deputy Chair)
- Maria Gerace SC
- Vanessa Thomas SC
- David Baran
- Rohan de Meyrick
- Ross Stanton
- Andrew Campbell
- Tony Bowen
- Dean-Lloyd Del Monte
- Lachlan Robison
- Raphael Perla
- Jnana Gumbert
- Eraine Grotte
- James Lee
- Nicole Compton
- James Masur
- Sarah Warren
- Joshua Beran
- Belinda Epstein
- James Thompson
- William Lidden

COSTS AND FEES COMMITTEE

- Gillian Mahony SC (Chair)
- Michelle Castle (Deputy Chair)
- Lesley Whalan SC
- Alastair Vincent
- Adrian Maroya
- John Baird
- David O'Connor
- Daniel Neggo
- Beth Oliak
- William Calokerinos
- Bora Kaplan
- Katherine Oldfield
- David Robertson
- Kirralee Young
- Andrew Bailey

- David Smith
- Patrick Barry
- Siobhan Clarke
- John Nolan

CRIMINAL LAW COMMITTEE

- Matthew Johnston SC (Co-Chair)
- Brett Hatfield SC (Co-Chair)
- Ian Lloyd KC
- John Stratton SC
- Simon Buchen SC
- David Patch
- Nathan Steel
- Emmanuel Kerkyasharian
- Sarah Talbert
- Michelle Fernando
- Sophie Anderson
- Tarik Abdulhak
- Arjun Chhabra
- Monica Millward
- Damian Beaufils
- Mark Davies
- Thomas Woods
- Dev Bhutani
- Rebecca McMahon
- Caitlan Akthar
- Tom Spohr
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- Sera Mirzabegian SC (Co-Chair)
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- Sean Flood SC (Deputy Chair)
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- Siobhain Climo
- Vanja Bulut
- Talia Epstein
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- Tanya Harris-Roxas
- Frank Tao
- Mahmud Hawila
- Aleksandra Ilic
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- Dr Katherine Fallah
- Jackson Wherrett
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- Winsome Hall
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- Perry Herzfeld SC
- Sean Docker SC
- Philip Hogan
- Patricia McEniery
- Faraz Maghami
- Ralphed Notley
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- Callan O'Neill
- Julie Granger
- Tamasin Jonker
- Christina Trahanas
- Jillian Caldwell
- Alison Hammond
- Claire Roberts
- Anya Poukchanski
- Amanda Sapienza
- Nicholas Lennings
- Professor Alex Steele (Academic Member)

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- Mark Anderson
- Neil Jackson
- Roger Harper

- Christopher Lawrence
- Luke Fermanis
- Michael Weightman
- Awais Ahmad
- Giles Stapleton
- John Longworth
- Rachel Dart
- Claire Cantrall
- Shanna Mahony
- Peace Decle
- Bradley Dean
- Leah Reid
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FIRST NATIONS COMMITTEE

- Tony McAvoy SC (Chair)
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- James Trevallion SC
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- Nicholas Newton
- David Carroll
- Justin Doyle
- Lucinda Wilson
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- Natasha Hammond
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- Michelle Rabsch
- Siobhain Climo
- Tammy Wong
- Rebecca McMahon
- Self Rumbewas
- James Walker
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- Bora Kaplan
- Dr Jason Donnelly
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- Greg Johnson
- Corrie Goodhand
- Fiona McNeil
- Madeleine Bridgett
- Adam Butt
- Kim Boettcher
- Kathleen Heath
- Kate Beattie
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- Erin O'Connor Jardine
- Kate Bones
- Lucy Geddes
- Hannah Robinson
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- Bruce Hodgkinson AM SC (Chair)
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- Mark Cahill
- Ian Latham
- Anthony Britt
- Adam Searle
- Paul Moorhouse
- Penny Thew
- Bruce Miles
- Craig Lambert
- Michael Seck
- Anna Perigo
- Oshie Fagir
- Bilal Rauf
- Glenn Fredericks
- Vanja Bulut
- Leo Saunders
- Maurice Baroni
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- Greg O'Mahoney
- Ross Glover
- Juliet Curtin
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- Ian Fraser
- Louise Coleman
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- Jake Harris
- William de Mars
- Sarah Woodland
- Emma Sullivan
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- Charles Colquhoun SC
- Jonathon Kay Hoyle SC
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- David Hughes
- Wilson Chan
- Jesse Kennedy
- Adam Butt
- Kate Lindeman
- Katherine Sutton
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- William Calokerinos
- Cara Feiner
- Duncan Berents
- Scott Schaudin
- Corrie Goodhand
- Kayt Hogan
- Denise Kaiti
- Bradley Dean
- Keith Francis
- Rajiv Baldeo
- Jonathan Wilcox
- Paul Ye
- Michelle Meares
- Rachel Thampapillai
- George Costantine
- Eugene Renard

MEDIA AND INFORMATION LAW AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

- Matthew Richardson SC (Co-Chair)
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- Angela Bowne SC
- Michael Green SC
- Richard Potter SC
- David Sibtain SC
- Roger Rasmussen
- Roger Harper
- Hakan Sonmez
- Tamir Maltz
- Ashley Stafford
- Lee-May Saw
- Gabriella Rubagotti
- Pouyan Afshar
- Barry Dean

- Robert Armitage
- Julian Zmood
- Luke Chapman
- Monique Cowden
- Nicholas Olson
- Timothy Senior
- Amy Reid
- Samuel Murray
- David Helvadjian
- Michelle Meares
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NEW BARRISTERS

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- Chelsea Brain (Co-Chair)
- Brienna Anderson
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- William Lidden
- Jeh Coutinho (Clerk)

PRACTICE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

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- Michelle Painter SC
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- Robert Carey
- Adam Gerard
- Courtney Ensor
- Richard Raffell
- Kevin Tang
- Brett La Plastrier
- Andrew Bailey
- Geoff Farland
- Thomas Bagley
- Catherine Bembrick
- Madeleine Ellicott
- Derek Wong
- Chris Tam
- Ermelinda Kovacs

- Hugh Atkin
- Denes Blazer
- Nicola Bailey
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- Angela Noakes (Clerk)
- Sarah Tiffen (Clerk)

SUCCESSION AND PROTECTIVE LAW

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- Steven Hughes
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- David Liebhold
- Sarah Hill
- Francois Salama
- David Price
- Therese Catanzariti
- Carmel Lee
- Kirralee Young
- Renee Bianchi
- Justin Brown
- Ari Katsoulas
- Irina Hoskinson
- Craig Birtles
- Daniel Yazdani
- Leah Sewell
- Paul Walker (Clerk)

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- Nicholas Broadbent SC
- Matthew Lewis SC
- Michael Ainsworth
- Erik Young
- Justin Doyle
- Mario Licha
- Craig Lambert
- Patricia McEniery

- Mark Auld
- Daniel Klineberg
- Conor Bannan
- Greg Antipas
- Anais d'Arville
- James Lee
- Daniel Krockmalik
- Patrick Meagher
- Nicholas Ford
- Tom O'Brien
- James Willis
- Sophie Anderson
- Geoff Farland
- Sarah Warren
- Paris Hart
- Emily Graham
- Rose Khalilizadeh
- Jayneil Shandil
- Meg O'Brien
- Alistair Oakes
- Andrew Wilson
- Michael Pruscino
- Fabian Di Lizia
- Alexander Ivansoff
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- Charles Colquhoun SC
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- Simon Fitzpatrick SC
- Victoria Brigden
- Joanne Little
- Radhika Withana
- Oliver Jones

- Brin Anniwell
- Naomi Oreb
- Emma Bathurst
- Timothy Boyle
- Bharan Narula
- Thomas Liu
- Georgina Westgarth
- Carl Young
- Peace Decle
- Emma Sullivan
- Julian Brezniak

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- Matthew Darke SC
- David Thomas SC
- James Arnott SC
- Nicholas Broadbent SC
- Robert Ranken SC
- Amy Munro SC
- Melanie Cairns
- Pouyan Afshar
- Caspar Conde
- Rebecca Gall
- Tamara Phillips
- Zoe Hillman
- Emma Beechey
- Michelle Fernando
- Louise Coleman
- Daniel Habashy
- Rose Khalilizadeh
- Mark Davies
- Zoe Alderton
- Scott Richardson
- Jake Harris
- Christina Trahanas
- Myles Pulsford
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- James Emmett SC (Chair)
- David Williams SC
- Ian Neil SC
- Anthony McInerney SC
- Jean-Jacques Loofs SC
- Vanessa Whittaker SC
- Peter Newton SC
- Ragni Mathur SC
- Matthew Moir
- Nathan Steel
- Angela Petrie
- Nicolas Kirby
- Michael Weightman
- Conor Bannan
- Cara Feiner
- Callan O'Neill
- Stephanie Patterson
- John Longworth
- Angus Macauley
- James Mack
- Manu Jaireth
- Claire Palmer
- Eleanor Jones
- Daniel Fuller
- Claire Roberts
- Megan Caristo
- Dev Bhutani

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- Anthony Cheshire SC
- Richard Scruby SC
- Patrick Flynn SC
- David Rayment SC
- James Hutton SC
- Robert Yezerski SC
- Lester Fernandez SC
- Christopher Othen SC
- Elisa Holmes SC

- Colin Hodgson
- Andrew Naylor
- Sam Duggan
- Christopher Lawerence
- Emmanuel Kerkyasharian
- Awais Ahmad
- Greg Antipas
- Talitha Fishburn
- Courtney Ensor
- Sonia Tame
- Michelle Rabsch
- Emily Graham
- Amelia Smith
- Kate Lindeman
- Alexander Brown
- Naomi Wootton
- Emma Bartley