

## Legal Services Commissioner

*Exciting opportunity to lead the legal profession regulation sector within NSW as an independent statutory officer which sits within the Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ)*

- **Senior Executive Band 1–Total Remuneration payable starting from \$256, 323 to \$287,200**
- **Based in Sydney CBD**
- **Fixed Term Opportunity**

### What you'll do

As the Legal Services Commissioner you will operate with considerable statutory autonomy, you are accountable for the delivery of services provided by the Office of the Legal Services Commissioner.

The primary functions of the Commissioner's Office are to manage and investigate complaints about the conduct of lawyers (including making summary disciplinary orders against lawyers); monitor the professional associations' handling of complaints; reviewing decisions of the professional associations upon application; and prosecuting serious cases of misconduct in the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal and/or the Court of Appeal.

The Commissioner is also required to contribute to the development of professional conduct rules (and Uniform Rules under the Uniform Law), propose regulatory reform to the Attorney General and provide advice as requested.

You will exercise a high degree of independent decision-making authority in making orders to summarily dismiss complaints or to caution or reprimand legal practitioners. In more serious cases, the Commissioner is responsible for prosecuting a practitioner in the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal.

The Commissioner is also empowered to review individual complaints that have been dealt with by the professional associations and may substitute his or her own decision for the decision of the first instance decision maker. As such, the Commissioner acts as an independent merits review body.

### What we are looking for

- A thought leader who has broad influence within the Legal community, and who will lead the legal profession regulation sector within NSW.
- A driver of high levels of customer service in the provision of timely, fair, transparent, efficient and cost effective, resolution of complaints about lawyers.
- A collaborator who can work with community and professional stakeholders to maintain and enhance the highest levels of professional ethics and standards in the legal profession.
- A proven leader of people who will guide and develop an existing team to promote collaboration and a culture based on the values of the department.

To apply click [HERE](#), or to find out more information on the role please contact Malcolm Duncan from The Insight Group at [malcolmduncan@insgroup.com.au](mailto:malcolmduncan@insgroup.com.au) or alternatively Malcolm can be reached on 0418 278 952

***Thank you for your interest in this role. We look forward to receiving your application.***