

NOTICE

Election of Members for the Bar Council for 2024 - Voting

The ballot for the 2024 Bar Council opened at 9:00am on Thursday, 19 October 2023 and closes at 1:00pm on Thursday, 2 November 2023. The list of Candidates for the 2024 Bar Council is available on the NSWBA website - click here for link

You may vote by either:

• Casting your vote electronically via the Association's electronic platform

OR

• Completing and returning the hard copy ballot paper which has been mailed out to all those eligible to vote

Voting via NSW Bar's Online Voting Platform

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.

You may change your ballot as many times as you wish up until 1:00pm 2 November 2023. Your vote will NOT be counted until it has been SUBMITTED. Once your vote has been SUBMITTED it cannot be changed.

Voting via paper ballot

Ballot papers for the election of members for the 2024 Bar Council have been mailed to all those eligible to vote. Any member who has not received their paper ballot paper by COB Thursday, 26 October 2023, and who wishes to cast a vote using this method, should contact the Association's Project and Administrative Officer at elections@nswbar.asn.au.

Any member intending to vote using the paper ballot should be aware of the <u>Australia Post guidance on Delivery speeds and coverage</u>. Regular letters posted within NSW can take up to 4 business days to arrive. Ballots can be dropped at the Bar Association into the ballot box at reception during business hours.

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.

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.

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

Ballots received after 1.00pm on Thursday, 2 November 2023 will not be counted.

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