



NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE VICTORIAN BAR INCORPORATED

The Annual General Meeting of counsel on the Bar Roll will be held on Monday, 23 October 2023 at 5:00PM in the Neil McPhee Room on Level 1, Owen Dixon Chambers East, 205 William Street, Melbourne VIC 3000.

AGENDA

1. To verify the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at 5:00PM on 24 October 2022, attached and available by [clicking here](#).

Proposed motion that: *"The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Monday, 24 October 2022 be verified"*.

2. To receive the Annual Report for the period 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023, a copy of which will be published on the Bar website, and a hard copy of which will be available upon request to Miranda Tulloch at Miranda.tulloch@vicbar.com.au.

Proposed motion that: *"The Annual Report for the period 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023 be received and adopted"*.

3. To appoint an auditor for 2023-24.

Proposed motion that: *"Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu be appointed auditors for the Victorian Bar Incorporated for the 2023-2024 financial year"*.

4. To amend the Constitution of the Victorian Bar to enshrine a commitment to diversity and inclusion in its purpose.

Proposed special resolution:

"That the Constitution of the Victorian Bar Incorporated (effective 5 August 2021) is amended in the manner set out in the draft amended Constitution, a copy of which is circulated with this notice and titled "October 2023 draft amended Constitution", with effect from 23 October 2023."

5. Other Business: such other business as may be conveniently dealt with and of which not less than 21 days' notice in accordance with clauses 18.4(d) and 83.4 of the Constitution has been given to members.



PROXIES

Under clause 26.2 of the Constitution, all votes at a general meeting shall be given personally or by proxy. The forms of proxy prescribed by the Bar Council in respect of the meeting are (a) available via [Formstack](#) (secure online submission); (b) **attached** to this notice; and (c) downloadable by [clicking here](#).

Clauses 27.1, 27.2 and 27.3 of the Constitution deal with proxies.

- 27.1 Each member is entitled to appoint another member who is eligible to vote as a proxy by notice in the form prescribed by the Bar Council and received by the Secretary no later than 5:00pm on the last business day, and at least 24 hours before, the time of the meeting in respect of which the proxy is appointed.
- 27.2 Only a member eligible to vote at that general meeting may hold a proxy.
- 27.3 Except for the Chair of the Meeting (to whom any number of proxies may be given in that designation), no member may hold more than two proxies.

Eligibility to vote

Pursuant to clause 21 of the Constitution, all members who are not in arrears or whose practising certificate (if any) is not then suspended or canceled are eligible to vote at the general meeting.

Amanda Utt

Executive Director and Statutory Secretary

The Victorian Bar Inc.

28 September 2023

Attachments to this notice:

1. [October 2023 draft Constitution \(with amendments marked up\) \(51 pages\)](#).
2. [Explanatory memorandum attaching proposed amendments \(7 pages\)](#).
3. [Proxy form prescribed by the Bar Council \(1 page\)](#).