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Dear Victorian Bar member,

The Indigenous Barristers' Trust

The Victorian Bar is committed to increase the number of Indigenous lawyers coming to the Bar and to assist in their career development as barristers. The disadvantage suffered by Indigenous people in Australia in education generally and in tertiary education specifically is manifest. For most obtaining tertiary qualifications is a "first in family" experience.

The Indigenous Barristers Trust (IBT) builds on the strategies of the Bar, to attract Indigenous lawyers to sit the Bar exam, and undertake the readers' course. That step alone is daunting for many Indigenous lawyers who have overcome considerable hurdles to progress their study and career.

The IBT assists in the retention of Indigenous barristers at our Bar by providing a fund for training and professional development in particular in their early years at the Bar. The IBT addresses the next phase of their career and the need for development of their career with funds available for courses, conferences and accreditation in specialist areas. It also is a source of funds in necessitous circumstances.

It is in the interests of administration of justice that the Bar is representative of the broader Australian community in its membership. To achieve that end it is necessary to both attract and support Indigenous barristers.

Donations to the IBT will assist in providing continuing support as we welcome the next cohort of Indigenous people to the Victorian Bar and can be made by completing the attached donation form.

Yours sincerely,

Tim Goodwin
Co-Chair Indigenous Justice Committee

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Co-Chair Indigenous Justice Committee



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