



POLICY

NOMINATION AND APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO EXTERNAL BODIES

From time to time, the Victorian Bar (VicBar) is asked or invited to nominate or appoint representatives to serve on external bodies, such as committees, boards and working groups ("external bodies"). As the governing body of VicBar, nominations and appointments are made by the Bar Council.

The Bar Council has approved the following protocol for the nomination and appointment of members to represent VicBar on external bodies. The protocol is intended to outline a transparent process which provides a fair opportunity for all members to offer their time and expertise to serve as representatives of VicBar on external bodies.

Wherever practicable, the Bar Council will seek nominations and/or expressions of interest for vacant positions on external bodies. Nominations and expressions of interest will ordinarily be called for via InBrief and on the members section of the Vicbar website.

Nominations and expressions of interest will ordinarily be considered in the first instance by the Executive of the Bar Council, and a recommendation then made to the Bar Council. The Executive may consult, in confidence, with others in forming a recommendation, including but not limited to the VicBar Executive Director and Chairs of relevant Bar Associations and Committees.

The following, non-exhaustive, criteria will be taken into consideration:

- a) any particular expertise required by the external body;
- b) seniority, qualifications and experience;
- c) gender and diversity;
- d) previous contribution to or involvement with the external body;
- e) in the case of members seeking reappointment, the length of time already served on the external body.

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President
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