

### **Courthouse Committee – Terms of Reference**

The Courthouse Committee is a law reform committee established by the New Zealand Law Society Board to:

1. Assist the Law Society in advocating for operational changes which would improve courthouse access, health and safety, facilities, and the use of technology in courts.
2. Work collaboratively with other law reform committees where there are areas of mutual interest and expertise.
3. Provide advice to the President and Board of the New Zealand Law Society on significant issues relating to courthouses throughout the country.
4. Alongside the in-house Law Reform & Advocacy Team, maintain good working relationships with key stakeholders. This may include attending meetings with Government departments, participating on working groups, and working with other representative organisations.
5. Engage with lawyers across Aotearoa to monitor health, safety and security issues, and to escalate these to the Law Society where they cannot be adequately remedied at a local level.
6. To assist the Law Society in respect of participation in courthouse design or re-design and the provision of lawyer's rooms and library research facilities for the profession.