

Intellectual Property Law Committee – Terms of Reference

The Intellectual Property Law Committee is a law reform committee established by the New Zealand Law Society Board.

The purpose of the Committee is to:

1. Monitor and comment on proposals for legislative, regulatory, and operational change across all areas of intellectual property law.
2. Contribute to advocacy for legislative and operational changes which would improve access to justice.
3. Work collaboratively with other law reform committees where there are areas of mutual interest and expertise.
4. Provide advice to the President and Board of the New Zealand Law Society on issues relating to intellectual property law.
5. Provide advice to the Board of the New Zealand Law Society on potential public interest interventions which raise intellectual property law issues, and contribute to intervenor submissions.
6. 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.

Membership

Collectively, the Committee should have experience and expertise across all practice areas of intellectual property law. To ensure all areas are covered, the Committee will ideally have at least one Committee member practising in each area of intellectual property law.