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Alert to all practitioners from the Legal Services Board and the Legal Services Commissioner

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2014 Board election

Every four years the Legal Services Board holds an election for the Board's legal practitioner member positions. The term of the three incumbent legal practitioner members expires on 30 June 2014. The Board must therefore hold an election before this date to enable the legal profession to elect their representatives on the Board for the ensuing four-year period.

This Alert seeks to draw your attention to the upcoming election and to call for nominations from the profession for membership of the Board.

The election will take place as a postal vote between **Tuesday 8 April and Tuesday 6 May**.

Practitioners will be aware that at this time the Victorian and New South Wales Governments are legislating for the creation of a uniform regulatory scheme. The Victorian Applications Bill provides for the continuation of the terms of all members of the Legal Services Board after the creation of a newly-named Victorian Legal Services Board. The new body will have almost identical functions in Victoria to the Legal Services Board.

Nominations for candidacy

Any local legal practitioner who holds a current practising certificate as of **5.00 pm, Monday 17 March 2014**, and who is of at least 5 years' standing, is eligible to nominate as a candidate for election to the Board. A nomination form may be obtained from the election manager (see below).

Candidates will need two local legal practitioners whose names also appear on the roll to support their nomination. Nominations must be received by the election manager by **midday, Monday 24 March 2014**.

Eligibility to vote

To be eligible to vote in this election, your name must appear on either the roll of advocates or the roll of non-advocates maintained by the Board. The closing date for these two rolls is **5.00 pm, Monday 17 March 2014**. If you have a current practising certificate as at this time, you are automatically enrolled.

Election Manager

The Board has engaged the Victorian Electoral Commission (VEC) to conduct this election. The election manager, Keegan Bartlett, can be contacted on the following details:

Tel. (03) 8620 1145

Level 11

530 Collins Street

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Further information about this election can be found on the [VEC website](#): or the [Board website](#)

Queries

If you have any queries about an elector's roll or the election process itself, please contact the Board on Tel. (03) 9679 8000.

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