

RPA News

News update for all practitioners from the Victorian Legal Services Board + Commissioner

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Uniform Legal Profession Regulation

Another significant step was taken this month towards the commencement of the Legal Profession Uniform Law. [Dale Boucher has now been appointed](#) as the inaugural Commissioner for Uniform Legal Services Regulation and Chief Executive of the Legal Services Council. This role coordinates, unifies and harmonises legal regulation in Victoria and NSW. I join with the NSW legal regulators in congratulating Mr Boucher on his appointment.

The Legal Services Board and I are working to ensure that the Victorian Board and Commissioner are ready for commencement. This is happening in collaboration with the Courts, the Victorian Bar, the Law Institute of Victoria and our counterparts in NSW.

Once the Legal Services Council is established and supported by a secretariat, the drafting of the Legal Profession Uniform Rules will begin. This is the essential precursor to the scheme's commencement in 2015.

In the meantime, I encourage you to visit our [Uniform Law page](#). This page contains information about the Uniform Law and the implications for barristers, solicitors and consumers. It will be refreshed and updated as more details are confirmed.

Dedicated number for Practitioner Services

Lawyers are reminded we now have a dedicated Practitioner Services phone number (03 9679 8000) which handles all queries regarding practising certificates, trust accounts, professional indemnity insurance and supervised legal practice.

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