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Victorian Legal Services Board Elections 2018 – early notice

The Victorian Legal Services Board is due to hold elections for its three legal practitioner members in 2018. This bulletin is intended to give you early notice of the election timeframe and the requirements to be eligible to stand or vote in the election.

Members to be elected

An election for three legal practitioner Board members (one advocate member and two non-advocate members) will take place from early 2018, in accordance with Division 5 of Part 3 of the *Legal Profession Uniform Law Application Act 2014*. Board members serve a four-year term, with the members elected at this election holding office from 1 July 2018 – 30 June 2022.

Eligibility to stand and vote

Section 65 of the Application Act covers eligibility to stand and vote, and has the following effect:

- you will be eligible to stand for election as an advocate (barrister) if you have practised as a barrister for not less than 5 years;
- you will be eligible to stand for election as a non-advocate (solicitor) if you have practised as a solicitor for not less than 5 years; and
- you will be eligible to vote if you hold a practising certificate at the time the roll of advocates or non-advocates is closed (note that being granted a practising certificate automatically enrolls you on the relevant roll).

The ballot will be conducted by the Victorian Electoral Commission. Please refer to the timetable below for key dates:

Key events	Date
Nominations open	22 February 2018
Close of roll*	13 March 2018
Nominations close	12.00pm 19 March 2018
Voting opens	12 April 2018
Voting closes**	5.00pm 9 May 2018
Publication of result	14 May 2018

* You must hold a current practising certificate by this date to be eligible to vote.

** Ballots must be received by the Victorian Electoral Commission by this date.

Further information will be provided to you in 2018.

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We wish you a happy and safe Festive Season and New Year.

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