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Victorian Legal Services Board Elections 2018

Every four years the Victorian Legal Services Board holds an election for the Board's three legal practitioner member positions. The term of the incumbent legal practitioner members (one barrister and two solicitors) expires on 30 June 2018. The Board must therefore hold an election before this date to enable the legal profession to elect their representatives to the Board for the ensuing four-year period.

This bulletin is to let you know of the upcoming election and to call for nominations from the profession for membership of the Board.

Election Timing

The election will take place as a preferential postal vote. The Victorian Electoral Commission will conduct the election from **Thursday 12 April 2018**, with all ballot papers to be returned by **Wednesday 9 May 2018**.

Nominations for candidacy

Nominations are now open for barristers and solicitors to stand as candidates in the election. Any Australian legal practitioner who is of at least 5 years' standing and whose home jurisdiction is Victoria, is eligible to nominate as a candidate for election to the Board, provided he or she holds a current practising certificate as of **5:00 pm, Tuesday 13 March 2018**.

To nominate for the election, a nomination form must be completed. This form may be obtained from the election manager (see below).

Candidates will need two Australian legal practitioners, whose names also appear on the Board's roll of advocates (barristers) or the roll of non-advocates (solicitors), to support their nomination. Nominations must be received by the election manager by **midday, Monday 19 March 2018**.

Eligibility to vote

To be eligible to vote in this election, your name must appear on either of the Board's roll of advocates or roll of non-advocates. The closing date for these two rolls is **5:00 pm, Tuesday 13 March 2018**. If you have a current practising certificate as at this time, you are automatically enrolled.

Election Manager

The Victorian Electoral Commission's appointed election manager, Phillippa Heskett, can be contacted on the following details:

Phillippa Heskett
Victorian Electoral Commission
Level 11
530 Collins Street
Melbourne VIC 3000
Tel. (03) 8620 1144

Further Information about this election can be found [on the VEC website](#) and on the [Board's 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 8001.

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