



STRATEGIC PLAN

PREAMBLE

The Family Law Section is constituted under Clause 50.2 of the Constitution of the Law Council of Australia. Consistent with that clause and the broader objects of the Law Council in Clause 2 of that constitution, the Family Law Section's bylaws state:

The object of the Section shall be to further the interests and objectives of family law and family lawyers in Australia; to conduct programmes of interest and value to lawyers; to implement and conduct programmes for the community at large, to further the objects of the Law Council on matters within the jurisdiction of the Section and in furtherance thereof to promote professional discussion, consultation and study of such matters and make recommendations thereon where appropriate.

OUR PURPOSE

Why we exist

The Family Law Section exists to positively influence the development and practice of family law for the benefit of its members and the general community, and to promote professional excellence and influence decision making, so that the family law system in Australia is fair, respected, functional and responsive to community needs.

OUR VISION

Where we are aiming

To improve the professionalism of family lawyers and be recognised by members, and the broader legal community, government, the courts, stakeholders and the community for effectively leading the development of family law and practice in Australia.

OUR VALUES

What will get us there

- Commitment – to improving the practice of family law in Australia
- Professionalism – so that family law is recognised as a mainstream area of legal practice, and respected for its social value
- Excellence – in everything we do for and on behalf of members and in running the Section
- Non-partisanship – in representing the interests of our members our views will be independent of politics.

OUR OBJECTIVES

Membership and membership services: To increase membership growth and retention through the delivery of first-class membership services, events and professional development programs based on an understanding of members' needs.

Representation: To effectively represent the interests of members with decision-makers and influencers and lead the development of family law in Australia.

Organisation and management: To ensure the Section is effectively resourced and managed, consistent with its aims, values and commitment to members.