

Women Lawyers' Association of NSW Incorporated (WLANSW) is the peak body representing women lawyers in NSW. WLANSW has been committed to improving the status and working conditions of women lawyers since 1952. Our members include solicitors, barristers, judicial officers, academics, corporate counsel, lawyers and law students.

Membership Benefits:

- “Advancing Women in Law” Programs devoted to the advancement of women in the legal profession, the primary objective of WLANSW.
- Discounted member rates, some complimentary, to all our events and invitations to other events and programs through our affiliations including Member Only invitations
- Complimentary listing on our online database “Find a Woman Lawyer” (note: not applicable to male Associate members)
- Complimentary subscriptions to Lawyers Weekly and Lawyer2B valued at \$210 and \$40 pa. Access to discounted products and services via various sponsor arrangements as noted on our website.
- Opportunities for media exposure
- Opportunity to join the Executive Committee and subcommittees, benefit from the project management and leadership experience, and provide input into the development of events, programs and the future direction of the WLANSW

Media & Public Profile

WLANSW's opinion is often sought by the media, particularly those specialising in the legal sector. The WLANSW website is a major tool in establishing our public profile. On the website is our online “Find a Woman Lawyer” database that all members who are practising lawyers have the benefit of being listed on. The website and our ‘Her Say’ e-news broadcasts provide updates, information and invitations for a variety of events hosted by WLANSW and organisations that we support. WLANSW has been active in lobbying Government and promoting law reform, particularly in relation to issues affecting women and children.

Australian Women Lawyers (AWL)

Formed in 1997, AWL provides a collective national voice, a vehicle for communication and the sharing of ideas amongst the Associations. AWL is funded by each State and Territory Women Lawyers Association. Ten percent of WLANSW membership fees collected is paid directly to AWL.

For further information please refer to our Constitution and additional details on our website www.womenlawyersnsw.org.au, or contact our office on (02) 4392 1185 executive@womenlawyersnsw.org.au

Membership Categories:

Members of the Judiciary: Allows the judiciary to stay in touch with practising barristers, solicitors and academics; provides the judiciary with the opportunity to pass on some of their valuable experiences to more junior members of the profession. **Ordinary: Sydney Metro/Regional**

Barristers: Provides opportunities to mingle with other lawyers outside of court; to network with future instructing solicitors; to associate informally with the judiciary. **Ordinary: Sydney Metro/Regional**

Solicitors: A great way to network with colleagues from other firms, meet potential employees, barristers, academics and the judiciary. **Ordinary: Sydney Metro/Regional**

Corporate Membership: For organisations that support the objects of WLANSW. All staff are entitled to attend all WLANSW events and activities at member rates. Each corporate organisation member has one vote in any election of WLANSW by their designated ‘Official Delegate’. All female lawyers employed by the corporate member are entitled to a complimentary listing on our ‘Find a Woman Lawyer’ online database. **Corporate**

Regional Lawyers: Reduced fees in recognition of the difficulties regional lawyers face in attending functions in Sydney; opportunity to keep in touch and updated; support to develop local meetings or events, or regional chapters such as our Newcastle Chapter. **Ordinary: Regional**

Community Lawyers: Reduced fees to encourage community lawyers to become involved with the projects and events of WLANSW. **Ordinary: Community**

Law Students: Subsidised fees; some complimentary and low cost events for networking, personal and career development; an opportunity to meet with possible future employers and colleagues. **Ordinary: Subsidised**

Academics: Provides the opportunity to stay in touch with and network with practising lawyers, members of the judiciary, and other academics. **Ordinary: Sydney Metro/Regional**

Subsidised Membership for lawyers not in full-time employment: Subsidised fees for those on maternity leave, retired, or not in full-time employment for other reasons, to keep you in touch and up to date. An opportunity for retired members to impart their knowledge and experience to others, and participate in the annual ‘Golden Girls’ lunch. **Ordinary/Associate: Subsidised**

“Associate” Membership for Men: Practising male lawyers, male law graduates, and male law students, who support the objects of WLANSW may become an Associate Member and are eligible for all member benefits. Associate Members are recognised as members of AWL, but do not have the right to vote at meetings or elections of WLANSW, or to be elected as a member of any WLANSW committees. **Associate/Associate: Subsidised.**

