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## New South Wales Bar welcomes progress towards a national legal profession

Today's announcement of an Intergovernmental Agreement on a Legal Profession Uniform Framework by the NSW and Victorian Governments has been welcomed by the President of the New South Wales Bar Association, Phillip Boulten SC.

"The NSW bar strongly supports moves towards a truly national legal profession. Model national legislation will ensure consistent rules governing issues such as entry to the profession and regulation of the conduct of lawyers. Uniform laws will remove the current patchwork approach to regulation which sets different requirements in each state and territory" Mr Boulten said.

"A single national system will bring benefits for legal practitioners and consumers of legal services alike" he said.

"Today's announcement brings us one step closer to a single unified national system by ensuring that the vast majority of this country's lawyers who practice in NSW and Victoria will be subject to the same laws governing their professional responsibilities."

"The New South Wales Bar congratulates the NSW and Victorian Attorneys General in reaching this historic accord" Mr Boulten said.

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