

NSW BAR ASSOCIATION

SUPPORT AND OPPORTUNITIES

FIRST NATIONS LAWYERS AND LAW STUDENTS

Overview

The NSW Bar Association is deeply concerned about the under-representation of First Nations lawyers practising at the NSW Bar. We seek a legal profession in NSW that demonstrates equality, an absence of any discrimination and reflects the cultural and racial diversity of the general NSW community.

For over twenty years, the Bar Association, through the Indigenous Barristers' Trust The Mum Shirl Fund and other activities, has worked to improve the educational path for First Nations law students studying at NSW universities and to assist in providing career development opportunities and career prospects for First Nations lawyers.

CLERKSHIP PROGRAM

For First Nations Law Students

A unique opportunity to learn about the inner workings of the justice system, the courts and the Bar. As a clerk, you complete rotations over a total 3-week period at a range of courts and barristers' chambers. Follow the QR code for more information about the Clerkship Program.



MENTORING PROGRAM

For First Nations Lawyers and Law Students

The Mentoring Program aims to provide support, networks, experience and practical legal knowledge through mentoring by either a barrister or a judge.

Apply here for the Mentoring Program

EMPLOYMENT SCHEME

For First Nations Law Students

The Employment Scheme aims to identify part-time employment opportunities with a barrister, group of barristers or in chambers, including general administrative work and research.

To express your interest, or if you have any questions, please email DPPA@nswbar.asn.au or visit <https://nswbar.asn.au/becoming-a-barrister/first-nations-lawyers-and-law-students>



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BAR EXAM SUPPORT PROGRAM

For First Nations Bar Exam Candidates

The Bar Exam Support Program aims to support First Nations Bar Exam Candidates by pairing them with practising barristers who support them to effectively prepare for the Bar Exam.

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THE INDIGENOUS BARRISTERS' TRUST

THE MUM SHIRL FUND

For First Nations Law Students, Lawyers and Barristers

The Trust was established in 2001 with the objective of providing financial and other support and advice to all First Nations law students, lawyers and barristers.



Apply here for financial assistance



Click here to find out about other available supports

Further Information

If you have any questions, or want to get in contact, please email us at DPPA@nswbar.asn.au.

More information can be found on the Bar Association website here.



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