

### **Criminal Law Committee – Terms of Reference**

The Criminal Law Committee is a law reform committee established by the New Zealand Law Society Board to:

1. Monitor and comment on proposals for legislative, regulatory, or other change in the area of criminal law.
2. Contribute to advocacy for legislative and operational changes which would improve access to justice.
3. Work collaboratively with other law reform committees where there are areas of mutual interest and expertise.
4. Provide advice to the President and Board of the New Zealand Law Society on issues relating to criminal law.
5. Provide advice to the Board of the New Zealand Law Society on potential public interest interventions which raise criminal law issues, and contribute to intervenor submissions.
6. Alongside the in-house Law Reform & Advocacy Team, maintain good working relationships with key stakeholders. This may include attending meetings with Government departments, participating on working groups, and working with other representative organisations.
7. Engage with criminal lawyers across Aotearoa/the various regions to better understand issues which impact access to justice, and issues affecting criminal lawyers.