**TERMS OF REFERENCE: ADVOCACY COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL**

**NAME:** The name of the Committee shall be the Advocacy Committee

**MEMBERSHIP**

Membership of the Committee is open to Members who have chosen to practice solely as barristers and those who practice both as a barrister and a solicitor.

**ROLE AND PURPOSE:**

1. To represent the interests of those Members of the Society who have either chosen to practice solely as barristers or who act as both a barrister and a solicitor.

2. To advise the Council in relation to issues of concern, matters of interest or requiring some form of activity by the Council in relation to advocacy.

3. To provide assistance to the GDLP Committee and staff of the Education Business Unit in relation to the development and delivery of the Advocacy Unit of the GDLP course conducted by the Society and University of Adelaide.

4. To make suggestions and provide assistance to the CPD Program Reference Group and staff of the Education Business Unit responsible for the delivery of the Society’s CPD program in relation to particular topics which from time to time should be included in the Society’s CPD program: particularly for the benefit of newly admitted Members or related to technological changes or amendments to the Courts’ Rules affecting advocacy.

5. To provide assistance to the Council, the CPD Program Reference Group and staff of either the Education Business Unit or Ethics and Practice Unit of the Society, in responding to any concerns raised by the judiciary in relation to the standard of advocacy in Courts in South Australia for which specific training or the provision of information might assist to improve the standard.

6. To facilitate a Forum for interested Members of the Society to network, exchange information and ideas about advocacy;

7. To inform Members of the Society through InBrief, the Bulletin, the website of the Society and other relevant publications of relevant issues;

8. Consider, consult with other Committees, practitioners, members of the judiciary and otherwise as considered appropriate with a view to a recommendation to Council as to the viability of the development of Bar Readers type course for young practitioners, specifically aimed to address issues such as:-
• Opening;
• Examination and cross examination;
• Reply and closing address;
• Personal presentation;
• Persuasion;
• Dealing with experts;
• Negotiation;
• Mediation;
• Arbitration;
• Specialist tribunals; and
• Ethics.

9. To liaise with other Committees of the Society, particularly the Civil Litigation, Small Practice, Accident Compensation, Commercial Law and Criminal Law Committees as appropriate.

10. To promote the benefits of membership of the Society to other practitioners.

11. To assist the Society in the formation and development of submissions relevant to Advocacy.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

1 Assist

1.1 Assist the Society in making submissions and recommendations on law reform in matters relating to equality in the legal profession and equal opportunity policies generally.

1.2 Assist the Society to identify and take measures aimed to eradicate discrimination in the legal profession and the community.

2 Facilitate

Facilitate the exchange of information and ideas relating to equality and diversity between interested members of the Society.

3 Inform

Inform members of the Society through InBrief, the Bulletin, the website of the Society and any other relevant publications.
MEMBERSHIP AND COMPOSITION

The Committee will be comprised of the following representatives who, where possible, will be selected with regard to diversity:

a) At least six representatives of the Society appointed by the Executive, following an Expression of Interest process of the membership.

b) Such other Members as the Executive may from time to time decide to appoint so as to ensure appropriate representation and enable the goals of the Committee to be achieved.

All appointments shall be for a two-year term.

The Chair of the Committee shall be appointed by the Executive of the Society.

The Committee and its members are expected to fulfil the “Role of Committee Member” and “Role of a Committee Chair” and comply with the “Council Charter” as published by the Society.

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