

Dear Colleague ...

Voting begins today for the 2016 Bar Council. We make three points in response to the correspondence that has been circulated by some of our colleagues to date:

- **Unfounded assertions.** Consistent with the approach outlined in the [letter circulated](#) last week, we will not engage in a debate on unfounded assertions that we allegedly support or oppose certain issues (such as ADR). We will also not engage with the unfounded assertions about Bar Association staff - they are not running for office and do not have a platform to defend themselves. If you want to know where one of us stands on an issue – click on a name below.
- **Administration of justice.** We believe that there is an important role for the NSW Bar in the administration of justice and that it should continue to take a stand on issues such as [cuts to legal aid](#), [independence of Crown prosecutors](#) and [other issues](#).
- **QC/SC.** Bar Council has recently put a submission to the NSW Attorney General in support of legislative amendments to effect the Bar Council's policy for choice between the titles QC/SC and we do not believe that the interests of the Bar are served by re-opening that submission.

If you share our broad aims for the NSW Bar, we urge you to vote for the 21 members on this list:

[Noel Hutley SC](#) - 5 St James Hall

[Arthur Moses SC](#) - New Chambers

[Tim Game SC](#) - Forbes

[Andrew Bell SC](#) - 11 Wentworth

[Julia Lonergan SC](#) - 12th Floor

[Chrissa Loukas SC](#) - Public Defenders

[Michael McHugh SC](#) - 16 Wardell

[Tony Payne SC](#) - Sixth Floor

[Dominic Toomey SC](#) - 11 Garfield Barwick

[Greg Antipas](#) - Ground Floor Wentworth

[Sophie Callan](#) - 12th Floor

[Catherine Gleeson](#) - New Chambers

[Ruth Higgins](#) - Banco

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[Warwick Hunt](#) - Forbes

[Lisa-Claire Hutchinson](#) - Forbes

[Paresh Khandhar](#) - Frederick Jordon Chambers

[James Mack](#) - Level 22 Chambers

[Anna Mitchelmore](#) - Sixth Floor

[Julia Roy](#) - Sixth Floor

[Kara Shead](#) - Public Defenders

[Elizabeth Welsh](#) - Frederick Jordan Chambers