



**Nomination for Position on National Committee 2017/2018**

*(Nominations from new members and from all states and territories are encouraged)*

I, Kerry Weste

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(full name)

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(contact details)

nominate for the position of: Vice President

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(President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Ordinary Member)

If Ordinary Member, which subcommittee:

of the National Committee of Australian Lawyers for Human Rights Incorporated.

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Signed by nominator (may be nominee)

Date: 10-4-17

Please set out below a (very short) bio, a brief summary of your reasons for wishing to be elected to the National Committee and describe what you believe you are able to contribute.

If you are nominating for an ordinary member position please outline your experience or expertise in the subcommittee area chosen. Please also outline briefly your plans for the year ahead as chair of the subcommittee:

**Bio:**

I was admitted to practice as a Barrister and Solicitor of the Supreme Court of South Australia in 1998 and have been a member of the ALHR National Committee since 2014. I have practised in South Australia, London and Sydney, in diverse roles including as a Duty Solicitor in the Children's Court, in private practice for top tier firms in Adelaide and London, in house for the NHS London and as a senior lawyer for the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions. In the latter role, I ran a practice which included the prosecution of child pornography, child sex tourism and sexual servitude matters. I have 15 years' experience as a litigator and advocate and am accustomed to managing complex briefs of evidence and preparing high level reports and minutes on issues of law, policy and procedure. I have a long held interest in human rights law, particularly children's rights and juvenile justice. I am a registered contributor with the International Juvenile Justice Observatory (IJJO) and was a recipient of the Children's Interest Bureau Prize.

**Reasons for nominating:**

I have been a member of the ALHR National Committee for over four years and Vice President for the past twelve months, working effectively and efficiently with current ALHR President Benedict Coyne. From May 2014 to April 2016 I chaired ALHR's Fundraising Subcommittee, during which time I contributed to improving ALHR's governance thereby advancing the effectiveness, efficiency and impact of ALHR as one of Australia's leading human rights organisations. As Chair of the Fundraising Subcommittee I successfully project managed significant organisational change on behalf of ALHR via the introduction of paid membership and delivered ALHR an ongoing revenue stream for the first time in its history. I delivered these outcomes whilst also continuing to make significant contributions to ALHR's governance and day to day human rights related strategic advocacy such as drafting or editing submissions and press releases.

I have project managed ALHR's main fundraising dinners for the past 4 years and this year took the lead in project managing ALHR's inaugural National Human Rights Conference at la Trobe University in Melbourne.

I believe my in-depth knowledge of international human rights law, ALHR's strategic goals moving forward and my skills and acumen as an experienced legal practitioner stand me in very good stead to continue to perform the role of vice president and assist the president in the carrying out of his or her duties. My experience managing complex litigation and supervising junior solicitors means that I can confidently co-ordinate the work of active ALHR members on behalf of the National Committee.

If elected to the position of vice president I will remain dedicated to advancing and implementing initiatives which deliver:

- the resources needed to become the leading legal voice in human rights discourse in Australia;

- progression of beneficial relationships with organisations and individuals such as that offered via the creation of our secretariat and Human Rights Advocacy subject at La Trobe University Law School
- timely reactions to human rights issues as they arise;
- growth in ALHR's membership numbers;
- Value-added professional development for our membership;
- progress toward ALHR's medium and long term strategic goals, such as a greater focus on more consistent communication with members of parliament and a greater media presence, greater involvement in United Nations complaints mechanisms and an increased presence at international human rights forums.
- Attention to the continued monitoring and strengthening of ALHR's governance.

If you have any queries about the roles and responsibilities of office bearers and committee members, contact the current ALHR executive on

[secretary@alhr.org.au](mailto:secretary@alhr.org.au)

**Completed Nominations must be delivered to:**

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