

LCA appoints a new Secretary-General

In March, the Law Council of Australia announced the appointment of Peter Webb as the Council's new Secretary-General. He will take up the position in late April.

Mr Webb brings a wealth of experience to the position. He is a former Chairman of the Australian Broadcasting Authority, a past Director-General of New South Wales Court Services and was Deputy Director-General of the NSW Attorney-General's Department.

"Peter has an impressive combination of policy skills, administrative capability and public authority experience that very much suits the Law Council," Law Council President, Mr Bob Gotterson QC said.

The Law Council started its search for a new Secretary-General in December 2003 when Michael Lavarach resigned after being appointed as Dean of Law at the Queensland University of Technology.

Michael stayed on at the Law Council until late March 2004.

"Michael has enhanced the Council's effectiveness in its core roles of supporting the rule of law and

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the Law Societies in each State and Territory.

On the local front the LSNT Council's working party has met and continues to attend and contribute to the Government working party. As most of you will be aware the Law Society remains concerned about further proposed Tort Law Reform particularly when there is no evidence which suggests any or further changes are warranted.

Well, I hope this has given you all something to think about, of course, if there are any matters which you wish to discuss further, please feel free to contact me or the Secretariat. ①

representing the profession at the national level," Mr Gotterson QC said.

"Peter's energy will maintain the momentum of the Law Council, and he is a worthy successor to Michael Lavarach," he said.

Mr Webb said he is looking forward to assuming the challenging position of Secretary-General at the Law Council.

"Law Council Secretary-General is a position of great responsibility. Representing Australian lawyers at the federal level is a vital role, one which is growing in importance," he said.

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Mr Peter Webb, Secretary-General of the Law Council of Australia.

track record in its advocacy of national practice standards and in other major fields of work. My intention is to maintain the current drive and momentum of the Council." ①

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