

## Commissioner appointed for uniform legal services regulation

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Heather Moore has been appointed as commissioner for uniform legal services regulation and chief executive of the Legal Services Council.

Ms Moore has been appointed to the roles, bringing extensive experience in regulatory policy and in the justice sector to the work of the council and as commissioner.

She began her career as a law graduate at the federal Attorney-General's Department, where she worked on treaties for international criminal co-operation, reforming the migration litigation system, and alternative dispute resolution.

She has since worked at the Royal Courts of Justice in London and finished the Executive Master of Public Administration through Australia and New Zealand's School of Government.

Ms Moore has also been the director at the office of the chief executive officer, Greater Cities Commission.

For the past decade, she has worked for the Law Society of NSW and held various senior policy and leadership roles in the now NSW Department of Communities and Justice.

Together, the Legal Services Council and the commissioner for uniform legal services regulation oversee the operation of the *Legal Profession Uniform Law* scheme.

NSW and Victoria instigated the *Legal Profession Uniform Law* scheme in 2015, with Western Australia joining in July this year.

The scheme aims to extend its reach to more jurisdictions in Australia, standardising regulatory obligations, cutting red tape, and creating a common market.

NSW Attorney-General Mark Speakman said: "Ms Moore's extensive experience in regulatory policy development, strategic planning and stakeholder management at the highest levels of the legal industry combined with her deep understanding of the *Legal Profession Uniform Law* makes her an excellent appointment for this key role.

"I congratulate Ms Moore and wish her well."

Victorian Attorney-General Jaclyn Symes commented: "The deep understanding Ms Moore has of legal regulators and the work they do to protect consumers will be a great asset to the work of the council and as commissioner."

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West Australian Attorney-General John Quigley said: "Ms Moore's strong knowledge of the *Legal Profession Uniform Law* will enable her to work with participating and non-participating jurisdictions in the interests of future development of the scheme."

Ms Moore will commence in the new role on 1 November 2022 for a term of five years, taking over the role from Megan Pitt.



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