



## STRATEGIC PLAN 2018-2020

### Vision

The South Pacific Lawyers' Association's vision is for an independent, effective, collegiate and respected legal profession in the South Pacific region. This vision is integral to the development of the rule of law, administration of justice, legal services and access to justice.

### Objectives

SPLA's vision is upheld by four key objectives:

1. **Representation:** To represent the South Pacific legal profession, promoting the interests of South Pacific lawyers within the region and internationally.
2. **Regulation:** To improve the regulation of the legal profession in the region through member associations.
3. **Education:**
  - a. To identify areas of law that member associations want to receive education about with a view to reform or develop these areas within their respective jurisdictions;
  - b. To identify opportunities for improving continuing legal education for lawyers and students,
  - c. To provide information relevant to the advancement of bar associations and law societies in the South Pacific region.
4. **Information:**
  - a. To inform and highlight developments in the jurisdictions of the South Pacific region affecting the rule of law and integrity of the legal profession within the South Pacific region.
  - b. To inform the South Pacific legal profession of international, legal developments and news effecting the South Pacific.

### Implementation

SPLA will strive to achieve these objectives through the following strategies:

#### 1. Representation

Action	Purpose
Regular Executive meetings and maximisation of face to face interactions.	Ensure SPLA effectively represents its member associations.
Creation of a new "associate membership" category	To increase participation of South Pacific lawyers in the association and promote the work and value of SPLA's member associations.
Increased cultivation of a social media presence	Reach a wider and more diverse audience of South Pacific lawyers for advocacy and education purposes, and promote SPLA among the generation of emerging lawyers.

Create a 'procedure and expectation guide' for member associations	To clearly inform constituent members how they are expected to make a valuable contribution to SPLA.
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SPLA representation to regional and international bodies and events	To maintain SPLA's importance as a voice on matters regarding the South Pacific legal profession and justice issues.
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## 2. Regulation

Action	Purpose
Implement and promote SPLA's <i>Legal Professional Rules in the South Pacific</i>	To promote potential areas for improvement of Legal Professional Rules in the South Pacific.

## 3. Education

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Update SPLA's <i>Needs Evaluation Survey</i>	To report up to date information regarding the needs of member associations.
Update SPLA's <i>Women in the Law in the South Pacific</i> report	To report up to date information regarding the representation of women in the legal profession in the South Pacific
Promote SPLA as the first port of call for those seeking to deliver education/assistance programs in the South Pacific and for member associations seeking to receive assistance (on areas such as practice management, CLE, and gender bias training)	To increase the skillset of legal practitioners in the South Pacific.  To ensure that education and training programs are co-ordinated and coherent.
Consider topical issues for regional approach (consisting of statements, discussion and/or reports)	To develop a united voice and position on issues affecting the region and the profession.

## 4. Information

Action	Purpose
Monitor and report on issues important to the SPLA community	To inform the SPLA community and the wider international community of issues affecting the judicial systems and legal profession in the South Pacific.  To inform the SPLA community of the international legal developments affecting the South Pacific, the profession and the delivery of justice.

