

LEGAL CONTRIBUTION TRUST

FIDELITY AUTHORITY STATEMENT

The *Legal Profession Uniform Law Application Act 2022* (Application Act) specifies the Legal Contribution Trust as the fidelity authority under *Legal Profession Uniform Law (WA)* (LPUL) section 6(1).

The Legal Contribution Trust is established under section 101 of the Application Act and consists of three Trustees appointed by the Governor as follows:

1. An Australian lawyer nominated in writing by the Law Society to represent the Law Society;
2. An Australian lawyer nominated in writing by the Legal Practice Board to represent the Board;
3. A person who is not an Australian lawyer and is nominated in writing by the Attorney General.

LPUL Section 240(1) requires that claims against the Fidelity Fund are determined independently, at arm's length from the legal profession.

These requirements are performed by the Trustees of the Legal Contribution Trust acting judicially, approaching their duties with an independent mind, having regard only to the legislative requirements, and reaching the same determination as would an independent person who is not a member of the legal profession and having no financial interest in the Fidelity Fund.