



Introduction

Auckland Community Law Centre is looking for two new trustees, including a new Chairperson.

We are New Zealand's oldest community law centre. We are passionate about access to justice, and have a long tradition of leadership and innovation. We are looking for new trustees who can bring fresh thinking and energy as we implement our new strategic plan.

Our strategic plan is designed to transform lives and build a better New Zealand through the fairer application of the law. We will achieve that by developing specialist expertise, building strong partnerships with disadvantaged communities, winning ground within the justice sector, and by investing in our growth.

Overview of Role

As a new trustee you will be passionate about promoting access to justice and be able to demonstrate your commitment to it. You will have strong connections at senior levels of the profession. You will also have strong skills in developing both the professional and commercial parts of a legal practice. You will be a lawyer qualified to practice on your own account.

The ideal candidate will also have strong connections to their community and experience in governance.

We are looking for people prepared to make a commitment for 2-3 years, and who are prepared to focus on the core tasks of executing our strategy. Our Board meets for 2 hours every 2 months (with occasional extra work via email and video).

You will join the organisation at an exciting moment in its history – finances are healthy, our work is more visible, and there is a growing interest in access to justice. You will have opportunities to engage with senior members of the profession on the future of access to justice, including the judiciary, regulators, professional associations and policy makers. While this is a volunteer role the trust has discretion to provide small honorariums.

In addition to appointing new trustees we are also looking to appoint a new Chairperson. Candidates for Chairperson will have strong leadership and governance experience, and be committed to supporting the General Manager to execute our strategy. This will include meeting with the General Manager at least once between each meeting.

To apply for these role please email a short cover letter and CV (one page is sufficient) to Darryn Aitchison, General Manager, at: recruitment@aclc.org.nz

Applications close 11 December 2020

The Organisation

We are an independent charitable trust with up to 8 trustees. The organisation has 12 staff, including a General Manager (lawyer), Supervising Lawyer, Office Manager, 6 staff solicitors and two administrators.

We are one of 24 community law centres nationally, and a member of the peak body, Community Law Centres o Aotearoa Inc. We were the 2017 winners of the New Zealand Women in Governance Award. The national Pro Bono Clearinghouse will operate out of Auckland Community Law Centre from 2021.

Each year we provide free legal services to over 3000 low-income people living in Auckland DBH, North Shore, and Counties Manakau regions. Our main funder is Ministry of Justice.