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We deliver a range of member benefits to meet the unique needs of regional and suburban lawyers.

We understand who you are and what you do

We continually consult with the 15 Regional & Suburban Law Associations located around Victoria, to ensure we are providing value to all our members, no matter your geographical location. We are aware of the challenges you face and we understand that you may be working as a sole practitioner, in a small firm or at a community legal centre and we recognise that because of this, your needs may differ.

We stay up to date with the changing needs of the profession and connect you with your peers

The LIV's Section Committee Network is a unique cohort of experts from across all legal disciplines and regions of Victoria. These members help keep the LIV up to date with the ever changing needs of the profession. Participation in committees offers members the opportunity to influence LIV policy, state and federal legislation, and to advocate for the legal profession and wider community.

We also cater for newer and emerging members of the profession through the LIV Young Lawyers network, which is a dynamic group established to enhance the legal skills, knowledge and professional networks of members in the early stages of their careers.

We provide support, guidance and advice when you need it most

Our highly skilled and experienced Ethics and Practice Support team provide a unique, member-only service, providing confidential privileged advice and guidance to practitioners. This experienced team can deliver "on the spot" advice and guidance, even during proceedings.

We also deliver ethics seminars and customised ethics education (for example the LIVing Ethics 2020 Videos), support the LIV Ethics Committee, produce Ethics Guidelines and provide Ethics Resources for the profession.

As a leader in the legal profession in Victoria, we are vigilant in supporting the health and wellbeing of the profession. We provide 24/7 support to members through Converge, a globally recognised employee assistance provider along with regular updates on issues including vicarious trauma, mental health first aid, emotional wellbeing and stress management.

We deliver CPD offerings to support you in all stages of your legal career

The LIV Professional Development program offers a diverse suite of conferences, seminars, workshops and education products to meet the differing CPD requirements of the legal profession. Our legal CPD draws on the expertise of leaders in the profession to give you practical knowledge and skills that meet your day-to-day practice needs and help you adapt to legislative change.



For small practices like mine, LIV membership is so important. The law is constantly changing and the LIV helps me stay on top of what's happening. I always appreciate the objective perspective the LIV is able to give me about practice management and ethical issues."

Fatoum Souki, Principal Solicitor, Souki Lawyers

Developed and delivered by experts, the LIV's education and training programs support you through every stage of your career.

Our annual conferences cover many substantive topics including Criminal Law, Succession Law, Workplace Relations, Personal Injury, Property Law and more. We deliver content through flexible channels so our members can access programs when it suits them, at a variety of price points with many webinars and updates free for members.

The LIV Practice Management Course has been expertly designed to provide the essential business and financial knowledge and skills to help lawyers transition to principal of their own practice or move into partnership, identify practice risks, and develop strategies to mitigate them and be aware of the increased obligations required for those holding a principal practising certificate. Delivered through a blended learning approach, the modules simulate a business lifecycle and providing attendees with interactive and iterative learning throughout the course and beyond.

We recognise superior knowledge, experience and proficiency through Accredited Specialisation

Our nationally recognised Accredited Specialisation program has operated for more than 25 years and now accredits more than 1,100 specialists across 16 areas of law - including Administrative Law.

Qualifying as an LIV accredited specialist allows recipients to be recognised for their enhanced skill level and experience. LIV Accredited Specialists demonstrate superior knowledge, experience and proficiency in their area of law and are recognised for their expertise.

We support our members through Member Benefits

We offer a wide variety of services and benefits for members including:

- **LIV Library** – provides access to information, legal research services and training with the library catalogue offering a collection of legal resources, online databases and recommended websites. We offer book loaning via post and offer longer borrowing times to those to use this service.
- **LIV Bookshop** – the premier legal bookshop in Australia, books may be purchased online or at our bookshop located on our member floor.
- **News & Information** – we deliver targeted communications to our members, including the respected Law Institute Journal, our daily *Law/News* bulletin and a quarterly bulletin specifically for regional and suburban practitioners. In response to the current pandemic, we rapidly developed a dedicated COVID-19 Hub of essential information including up-to-date information from the Courts, government and regulators.
- **Law Associations** – we support members throughout Victoria by maintaining close relationships with regional and suburban law associations. Through these associations, we provide resources and opportunities for professional development, networking and community education.
- **Mediation, Meeting & Conference Rooms** – situated in the heart of Melbourne's legal precinct, the LIV has flexible, state-of-the-art facilities that are available to our members to work from and to hire for meetings, mediations and functions. The first hour is free to members and subsequent hours are available at a discounted rate.

"I am a director of Nevett Lawyers in Ballarat, practising in commercial dispute resolution and workplace relations. I became an accredited specialist in workplace relations in 2018. I moved back to Ballarat in 2016 after spending five years working for a mid-tier firm in Melbourne. I have loved the "tree change". I have been an LIV member since I was a law student and have more to do with the LIV now that I am practising regionally and through my role as president of the Ballarat and District Law Association. Membership has been very helpful in building connections with other practitioners in Ballarat and further afield. It also provides accessible CPD events locally.

James Remington, Director, Nevetts Lawyers. Accredited Specialist, Workplace Relations



The LIV has a proud history of over 160 years supporting Victorian solicitors and contributing to the continuing strength of the profession in Victoria and across Australia. The essential nature of our role has been further illustrated by the current pandemic, which has seen us both advocating for the legal profession and supporting our members in difficult times.

This support is illustrated by our decision to dramatically reduce membership fees for 2020/21.

LIV Membership now available for \$99 (inc GST)

Join or renew for the special 2020-21 rate at:

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