

ALWU NEWSLETTER

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE AOTEAROA LEGAL WORKERS' UNION



A SUCCESSFUL LAUNCH

Engagement from firms and the Law Society

Following its launch, ALWU held Q&A events in Auckland, Wellington, and Christchurch. More than 100 members, supporters and interested parties turned out across our three biggest cities and engaged in positive, informative discussions.

ALWU has met with the Law Society and established a healthy working relationship, with a view to working together to ensure vulnerable members of the profession have a voice.

ALWU BY THE NUMBERS

450+ members
Across 80+ workplaces
190+ survey responses

ALWU has approached New Zealand's 15 largest law firms to discuss its initial key priorities:

- Paying the minimum wage for hours worked.
- Giving juniors a voice in firm decisions.
- Eliminating bullying and harassment.

ALWU has met with a number of of those firms, including Chapman Tripp, Buddle Findlay, and Russell McVeagh. Meetings with other firms, including Simpson Grierson, Minter Ellison Rudd Watts, Duncan Cotterill, Meredith Connell and Lane Neave, are planned for this month.



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I THINK THE ALWU IS A GREAT INITIATIVE CREATED BY YOUNG LAWYERS FOR ALL EMPLOYED LAWYERS. WE WELCOME THEM TO THE TABLE AND WE ARE READY TO LISTEN AND WORK WITH THEM,

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Tiana Epati, New Zealand Law Society President

LEAD UP TO ALWU'S INAUGURAL ELECTIONS

What are ALWU's next steps prior to its elections in August?

EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION SURVEY

ALWU has conducted an Employment Survey, which has now had over 190 responses.

ALWU intends to distribute this information (while maintaining members' anonymity) to encourage transparency within the profession regarding hours worked and remuneration.

CONTINUING ENGAGEMENT

ALWU has met with representatives from a range of unions and other bodies. It is in the process of engaging with interest and representative groups to better understand how it can represent all of its members.

Members of ALWU's Executive spoke at the Law Society "Creating Great Workplaces" conference and will be giving a guest lecture as part of Victoria University's legal ethics paper.

ELECTIONS AND AGM

ALWU's AGM will be held in August. This will be your opportunity to elect your representatives or run for a leadership position yourself.

You can have as little or as much involvement in ALWU as you wish:

- If you want to be a delegate at your firm,, please email us at membership@alwu.org.nz.
- Likewise, if you have any comments, suggestions, or queries, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

ALWU will continue to connect with its stakeholders and increase its reach across New Zealand.