



The New South Wales Bar Association

## **PRACTISING CERTIFICATE RENEWALS 2010-11**

24 June 2010

### ***HAVE YOU LODGED YOUR PRACTISING CERTIFICATE RENEWAL APPLICATION BUT NOT YET ARRANGED YOUR PROFESSIONAL INDEMNITY INSURANCE???***

There are a number of barristers for whom the Association has not been able to issue a practising certificate as it has not been advised that they have bound Professional Indemnity Insurance. If the Association has not been advised that insurance is bound for a barrister **before 1 July 2010**, that barrister must cease practising on and from 1 July 2010.

**If you have not yet arranged your insurance, please contact one of the four approved insurance providers immediately. Insurance cover is not considered bound on the day a proposal form is received – in some instances insurers can take a few days to consider a proposal form.**

The Association is unable **in any circumstances** to backdate a barristers practising certificate. The date insurance is **bound** is the earliest date on which a practising certificate can be issued and becomes effective, not the date a proposal form was submitted. For instance, if a barrister applies for PII on 30 June, but their insurance cover is not confirmed (and bound) until 3 July, the practising certificate will be effective from 3 July **at the earliest**, but it may not be able to be issued until a few days later.

Contact details and particulars of available policies can be found via our website:  
[http://www.nswbar.asn.au/docs/professional/practice\\_nsw/pii\\_index.php](http://www.nswbar.asn.au/docs/professional/practice_nsw/pii_index.php)

Please note that you will not be able to practise on and from 1 July 2010, (which includes undertaking chamber work) until such time as we have been able to process your application **completely** and issue your practising certificate.

#### **Paying by Cheque?**

Please note that if you pay for your practising certificate (and/or late fee) by cheque, that the Association cannot issue you with your practising certificate until those funds have cleared – this can take up to 3 days.

Should you have any queries in relation to the above, please contact the Association's Certification Officer on ph 9232 4055, fax 9221 1149, or e-mail [certification@nswbar.asn.au](mailto:certification@nswbar.asn.au).