

## NEW ZEALAND PRACTITIONER SUITABILITY

Rule 13 of the *Legal Profession Uniform Admission Rules 2015* permits the Victorian Legal Admissions Board to make enquiries and require any further evidence as the Board thinks fit. The longstanding practice in Victoria is that a compliance certificate must show that a person is of good fame and character and a fit and proper person. For the purpose of considering whether a person is a fit and proper person an applicant needs to disclose anything that the Admitting Authority might consider relevant. The Board's expectation is that full disclosure be made regarding the following:

- (a) Are you or have you been a bankrupt or subject to an arrangement under Part 10 of the **Bankruptcy Act 1966** of the Commonwealth or an officer of a corporation that has been wound up in insolvency or under external administration.
- (b) Have you been found guilty of an offence including a spent offence in Australia or in a foreign country, and if so –
  - (i) the nature of the offence; and
  - (ii) how long ago the offence was committed; and
  - (iii) your age when the offence was committed.
- (c) Are you or have you been the subject of any disciplinary action, howsoever expressed, in any profession or occupation in Australia or in a foreign country.
- (d) Are you or have you been the subject of disciplinary action, howsoever expressed, in another profession or occupation that involved an adverse finding;
- (e) Are you currently able to satisfactorily carry out the inherent requirements of practice as an Australian legal practitioner;