

Mr. Gareth Smith

General Manager, Professional Standards, New Zealand Law Society

Gareth Smith is the General Manager, Professional Standards at the New Zealand Law Society Te Kāhui Ture o Aotearoa, where he leads the Law Society’s regulatory operations—including the Lawyers Complaints Service, Registry, Inspectorate, and in-house Legal team. His recent work has includes on advancing process improvements within the current legislative framework and leading an operational review of the Lawyers Complaints Service. Gareth' s focus is on greater consistency, transparency, and effectiveness in regulatory practice.



Since joining the Law Society in 2014, Gareth has held roles as Professional Standards Officer and Chief Legal Counsel (Professional Standards), before his appointment as General Manager in 2022. Gareth has both Bachelor of Laws and Bachelor of Arts degrees.