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New Law Society President

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Hobart Lawyer Malcolm Schyvens has been elected President of the Law Society of Tasmania at the age of 34, making him one of the youngest ever Presidents of the 120 year old institution.

He is a previous Vice President of the Law Society and member of the Society's Property & Commercial Law Committee as well as President of COSMOS Inc. and sits as a legal member on the Guardianship and Administration Board.

Mr Schyvens, Managing partner of Hobart law firm Ogilvie Jennings, graduated from the University of Tasmania with combined degrees in Commerce and Law.

He joined the firm in 1999 after working as an employed solicitor at Dobson Mitchell & Allport and has been a partner of Ogilvie Jennings since 2003 and practises mainly in commercial, conveyancing, leasing, wills and probate, company and administration law.

During his term as President, Mr Schyvens said it is likely to be a period of significant change to the role and functions of the Society as a result of the introduction of the new Legal Profession Act.

"The new legislation will see the Society move away from its current disciplinary role and allow greater resources to be directed towards enhancing services for members as well as providing comment on issues of justice and contributing to issues of law reform," Mr Schyvens said.

"The Society will continue to provide a comprehensive continuing legal education programme with a particular emphasis on assisting younger lawyers.

"Young lawyers are the future of a vibrant legal profession, and I am very focused on increasing their role within the Society and the profession."

Mr Schyvens is available to provide comment on matters affecting the legal profession and the Law Society. The Society has also arranged the following additional spokespeople with specific areas of expertise:-

Malcolm Schyvens	General and Commercial – 6223 7811
Phillip Kimber	Property law – 6222 9444
Kim Baumeler	Criminal law (South) – 6222 9444
Michael Brett	Criminal law (North) – 6333 0144
Colin McKenzie	Workers' compensation (North) – 6430 1502
Philip Jackson	Workers' compensation (South) – 6224 5959

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