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My paper examines reactions by members of the judiciary and experienced practitioners on young law graduates engaged in legal practice in various jurisdictions in the South Pacific Region. The analytical framework that predominantly guides my paper relies on testimonies so far presented in seven (7) *newSPLAsh* issues published under the auspicious of the recently established South Pacific Lawyers Association, the peak legal representative body for the Region, since 2011. Whether young law graduates are receiving strong undergraduate education in preparing them to enter the legal profession in the South Pacific Region or are law teachers failing to adapt to the changes occurring in various jurisdictions in the South Pacific Region through its skills education (clinical and skills courses), is the question that guides my paper?