

LEGAL AID NSW APPELLATE CRIMINAL LAW BARRISTER PANEL

GENERAL QUESTIONS FOR NOMINATED REFEREES

Before completing the questionnaire, please note:

- [The Information for Referees](#)
- Judicial officers should not be given as referees.
- Referees should be independent.
- Reference to be returned to the applicant.
- If you do not wish to provide it to the applicant, please contact the Private Lawyer Quality Standards Unit at panels@legalaid.nsw.gov.au to make alternative arrangements.

To complete the form:

1. Enter your responses in the fields provided.
2. After entering your responses, you will be required to enter an e-signature. To enter your e-signature, click on the field next to "Signed" and the form will ask you to **save the form** to your device.
3. After saving the form you will notice all responses can no longer be edited, click on "Return to Applicant" at the bottom of the form.
4. After clicking on "Return to Applicant", an e-mail window - based on the e-mail application you use - will appear with the form as an attachment.
5. Enter the applicant's e-mail address into the To: field to send it to the applicant.

Applicant:

Referee Details (Please complete)

Name:

Chambers:

Contact number:

Email:

1. Are you a:

Senior Counsel

Member of the NSW Bar Association – Bar Association No.

2. What is your main area of practice?

3. What year were you admitted as an Australian solicitor?

4. What year were you admitted to the NSW Bar?

5. For what period of time and in what capacity do you know the Applicant?

6. Have you observed the applicant in a complex criminal matter in the last 5 years?

Yes

No

If yes, what were the nature of those proceedings and in what jurisdiction?

7. Are you able to attest to the applicant's legal and analysis skills?

Yes

No

If yes, please provide your observations and/or comments.

8. Are you able to attest to the applicant's ability to prepare succinct and well structured written submissions?

Yes

No

If yes, please provide examples and/or comments.

9. Are you able to attest to the applicant's advocacy ability?

Yes

No

If yes, please provide details of the jurisdictions, matter types and any relevant observations or comments.

10. Are you able to attest to the applicant's ability to communicate with clients and establish rapport with the courts and other members of the profession?

Yes

No

If yes, please provide any examples and/or observations.

11. Do you support the inclusion of the applicant to the Appellate Criminal Law Barrister Panel?

Yes

No

I have insufficient knowledge of or contact with the practitioner to form a particular view.

Please provide reasons

12. Is there anything else you wish to add?

Referee Name:

Date:

Signed:

Legal Aid NSW thanks you for your cooperation in this process.

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