

LEGAL AID NSW CARE AND PROTECTION PANEL

QUESTIONS FOR REFEREES

Before completing the questionnaire, please read the [Information for Referees](#) and note:

- Judicial officers should not be given as referees.
- Referees should be independent¹ and be in one of categories under questions 1 to 3 in order to be considered suitable.
- Reference to be returned to the nominated Associate.
- If you do not wish to provide it to the nominated Associate, please contact the Private Lawyer Quality Standards Unit at panels@legalaid.nsw.gov.au to make alternative arrangements.

Nominated Associate:

Referee Details (Please complete)

Name:

Law Practice:

Email:

1. Is your Law Practice currently a Member of the Care and Protection Panel?

Yes

N/A

2. Are you :

A Principal or eligible Associate at a Law Practice that is a current member of the

Legal Aid NSW Care and Protection Panel

Legal Aid NSW Solicitor (Care and Protection)

Legal Aid NSW Solicitor (Early Intervention Unit)

ALS Solicitor

DCJ Solicitor

DCJ Panel Lawyer

¹ Someone who does not work at the same Law Practice as the Associate or have a financial interest in that Law Practice.

3. **What is your main area of practice?**

 4. **How many years have you practiced as a lawyer in NSW?**

 5. **Have you known the Nominated Associate to appear in care and protection matters for at least five years?**
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Questions about the nominated Associate

1. **Have you directly observed the nominated Associate in the conduct of care matters?**

Yes

No

2. **What did you observe that showed the nominated Associate had knowledge of the care jurisdiction?**

3. **What did you observe that demonstrated the nominated Associate's skill as an effective advocate?**

4. What have you observed that shows that the nominated Associate has a good understanding of the issues facing families involved in care and protection matters? (For example an understanding of mental illness, disability, domestic violence, social, economic or other disadvantage).

5. Do you support the Associate's nomination on behalf of their Law Practice to undertake work as an eligible Associate on the Care and Protection Panel?

Yes

No

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

6. If yes / no, why do you support / not support the nominated Associate?

7. Is there anything else you wish to add?

Referee Name:

Law Society or Bar Association No:

Date:

Signature:

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

Referee - click on button to email form back to Applicant