

## Bar Association In Brief News Item

### Legal Aid NSW Appellate Criminal Law Barrister Panel

The Legal aid NSW Appellate Criminal Law Barrister Panel is open for new applications and reappointments closing on **8 October 2018**.

The panel is open to junior counsel only and applies to the following matters:

- Provision of advices on the merit of appeals to the Supreme Court including the CCA and the High Court;
- Preparation and conduct of appeals before the CCA and the High Court;
- Preparation and conduct of appeals to the Supreme Court;
- Preparation of applications to review convictions and sentences pursuant to Part 7 and 8 of the *Crimes (Appeal and Review) Act*.

All applications for appointment to the panel must be submitted on line through the [Panels Application Website](#) by **8 October 2018** for consideration by the Selection Committee.

### Applying for appointment to the Appellate Criminal Law Barrister Panel

There are two separate applications for appointment to the panel.

#### 1. Current Panel Members applying for reappointment

Current panel members who need to apply for reappointment will be contacted directly by email providing further information. They will be required to complete and submit the **Reappointments** online form.

For information about the selection criteria for reappointment, download the [Information for Current Panel Members Applying for Reappointment document](#).

#### 2. New Applicants applying for appointment

Barristers who are not currently appointed to the panel must complete and submit the **New Applicants** online form.

New applicants must demonstrate extensive experience and high level skill in criminal law and advocacy. They are also required to demonstrate, through an example provided, excellent writing skills for preparation of merit advices and appeal grounds and submissions.

One of the nominated referees will be given a copy of the written example and asked to comment.

For information about the selection criteria for new applicants, download the [Information for New Applicants document](#).

### More information

Panel barristers who want to confirm whether they have to apply for reappointment can contact Professional Practices on (02) 9219 5662 or at [panels@legalaid.nsw.gov.au](mailto:panels@legalaid.nsw.gov.au).

For more information about the panel, go to the [Appellate criminal law barrister panel webpage](#) that also contains copies of the following to download:

- Practice standards
- Service agreement

There are important changes to the Appellate Criminal Law Barrister Practice Standards clarifying the requirements for preparation of merit advices for appeals. Applicants should be aware of these changes. Legal Aid NSW will be monitoring the outcomes of legally aided higher court appellate matters and the advices provided by panel barristers in respective matters.

More information is available at the Appellate Criminal Law Barrister Panel Practice Standards update [web page](#).

For more information about how to submit an application go to:

- [How to apply for appointment to a panel](#)
- [Quick Guide for Panels Application Website](#)

For any enquiries regarding the panel please email [panels@legalaid.nsw.gov.au](mailto:panels@legalaid.nsw.gov.au)