

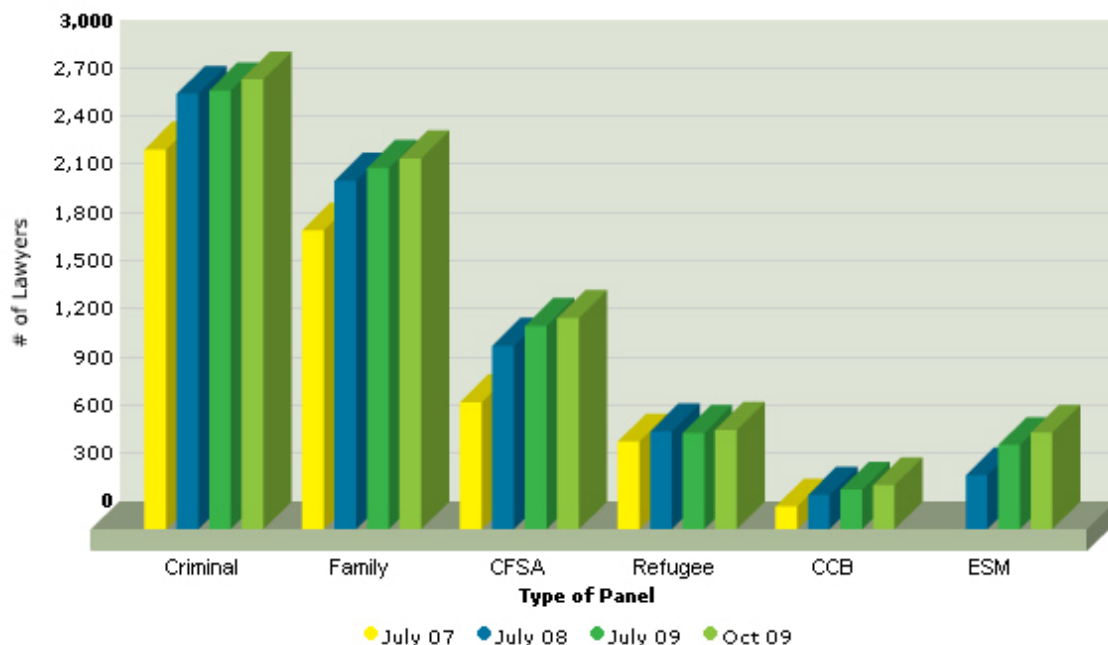
## Panel Management

As part of Legal Aid Ontario's commitment to ensure that all clients receive high quality legal aid services, LAO has implemented panel standards, which detail the minimum experience and professional development requirements for lawyers working with legal aid clients. The standards were developed in consultation with members of the refugee, criminal and family bars as well as lawyers practicing before the Consent and Capacity Board, judges, lawyers' associations and the Law Society of Upper Canada.

Lawyers new to an area of practice may be admitted conditionally to a panel provided they agree to acquire the necessary experience within a specified time frame, and take approved continuing legal education or be mentored as required by their area director. (This conditional admission does not, however, apply to the Extremely Serious Criminal matters panel.)

Ongoing annual professional development is necessary to continue to maintain panel membership.

### Certificate Panel Memberships: July 2007 - October 2009



(No results available for the ESM panel in July '07)

### October 2009 statistics

Actual Number of lawyers on all panel lists: **4382**

Between July 1 and October 1, 2009, 112 new lawyers were added to the panels.

### Panel Breakdown

	Criminal	Family	CFSA	Refugee	CCB	ESM
Total Lawyers on Panel	2803	2311	1316	619	275	602
% approved conditionally	22.0%	17.3%	21.4%	29.4%	23.6%	NA

### Panel Standards

More information regarding Legal Aid Ontario's Panel Standards, including required forms and FAQ pages, can be found in our [Information for Lawyers](#) section.