

Duty Counsel Panel Application- Advice Lawyer –Mental Health,Refugee and Immigration, Correctional Institutions

Lawyer Name (Print) _____ Legal Aid Solicitor # _____

Lawyer Address(Print) _____ LSUC solicitor number _____

Note: The Advice Lawyer Panel Standards are available at your area office and on the LAO website.

PART I PROBATION, SHADOWING AND MINIMUM RELATED EXPERIENCE

1. ADVICE LAWYER- MENTAL HEALTH

I agree to be subject to a three-month probationary period, during which I will shadow an experienced member of the Advice Lawyer-Mental Health panel, for a period to be specified by the area director, or supervisory duty counsel, at the end of which period the area director or the supervisory duty counsel shall provide me with performance feedback.

AND

I have familiarity with the relevant mental health legislation. .

2. ADVICE LAWYER-REFUGEE AND IMMIGRATION

I agree to be subject to a three-month probationary period, during which I will shadow an experienced member of the Advice-Lawyer-Refugee and Immigration sub-panel, for a period to be specified by the area director, or supervisory duty counsel, at the end of which period the area director or the supervisory duty counsel shall provide me with performance feedback.

AND

I am a member of the LAO Refugee and Immigration panel.

3. ADVICE LAWYER-CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS

I agree to be subject to a three-month probationary period, during which I will shadow an experienced member of the Advice-Lawyer Correctional Institutions sub-panel, for a period to be specified by the area director, or supervisory duty counsel, at the end of which period the area director or the supervisory duty counsel shall provide me with performance feedback.

AND

I am a member of the LAO Criminal Law panel.

PART II PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

I will attend administrative/procedural training programs relating to the role of duty counsel.

OR

I am requesting an area director or supervisory duty counsel exemption from the training programs because I have demonstrated my ability to comply with LAO's administrative/procedural requirements.

I agree to comply on an ongoing basis with LAO's applicable duty counsel and advice lawyer standards for admission and continued standing.

Lawyer's signature: _____ Date: _____

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Mail or fax to your local Legal Aid Ontario Area Office

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