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Criminal Panel Application

Lawyer Name (Print) _____ Legal Aid Solicitor # _____

The Criminal Panel Standards are available at your district area office and on the LAO website.

I am certified as a Specialist in Criminal Law by the Law Society of Upper Canada.

NOTE: If you are certified as a Specialist in Criminal Law by the Law Society of Upper Canada, you meet the requirements in Parts I and II.

PART I MINIMUM RELATED EXPERIENCE

I meet LAO's minimum related experience or equivalency as set out in section 1(1) or 1(2) of the Criminal Panel Standards

OR

CONDITIONAL PANEL ADMISSION

I do **not** meet LAO's minimum related experience requirements and am requesting the district area director's conditional admission on the basis of one or more of the following:

- (i) I am employed and supervised by a member of the criminal panel ;
- (ii) I have recent experience in teaching criminal law and the required practical skills;
- (iii) I have substantial experience as criminal court duty counsel;
- (iv) I have had substantial articling experience with a recognized criminal practitioner.

OR

(v) I agree to acquire the minimum related experience within two years; attend training courses as required by the district area director; and utilize mentoring as determined by the district area director.

PART II MANDATORY PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

I shall complete a minimum of 6 hours of continuing legal education or the relevant equivalency in criminal law on an annual basis, as set out in section 2(1) or 2(2) of the Criminal Panel Standards.

I agree to comply on an ongoing basis with LAO's Criminal Panel standards for admission and continued standing.

I understand that I must be a panel member and compliant with the standards to acknowledge a certificate

Lawyer's signature: _____ Date: _____

Mail or fax to your Legal Aid Ontario district office. [Find your nearest office.](#)

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