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Extremely Serious Criminal Matters Panel Application

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

Lawyer Name (Print) _____

Legal Aid Solicitor # _____

LSUC SPECIALIST IN CRIMINAL LAW

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

OR

I am a member of LAO's Criminal Panel and I meet LAO's minimum related experience requirements for the Extremely Serious Criminal Matters Panel as set out in sections 1(1) and 1(2) of the Extremely Serious Criminal Matters Panel Standards

OR

I am requesting the district area director to exercise his/her discretion to admit me to the Extremely Serious Criminal Matters Panel, on such conditions as deemed appropriate by the district area director, on the basis that:

- (i) I am a member of LAO's Criminal Panel,
- (ii) I have the necessary skills and experience, and,
- (iii) I agree to comply with such conditions as are deemed appropriate by the district area director.

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

I understand that I must be an Extremely Serious Criminal Matters Panel member and compliant with the standards to acknowledge an Extremely Serious Criminal Matters certificate.

Lawyer's signature: _____ Date: _____

Mail or fax to your Legal Aid Ontario district office. :]bX'UX]glf]WicZ]W"

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LAO Expectations for Extremely Serious Criminal Matters Panel Members

Legal Aid Ontario expects members of the Extremely Serious Criminal Matters Panel to possess the following skills:

The ability to:

- *Develop a research plan and analyze the research*
- *Develop an appropriate theory*
- *Develop strategy*
- *Negotiate a plea*
- *Negotiate sentence*

The ability to conduct:

- *Pretrial motions and voir dices*
- *Charter voir dices and charter exclusions*
- *Motions related to form and substance of informations and indictments*
- *Examination, cross-examination and re-examination of witnesses, including expert witnesses, child witnesses and hostile witnesses*
- *The tendering and challenging of documentary evidence*
- *Adjournment of trial*
- *Motion for directed verdict*
- *Submissions on fact and law*
- *Opening and closing addresses*
- *Reopening the case*
- *Jury selection including challenges for cause and peremptory challenges*
- *In a jury trial: pre-charge conference, responding to jury questions, and objecting to the charge*
- *Contested sentencing hearings*