



OFFICE USE ONLY Approval for Family panel
Date _____
District Area Dir: _____ signature

Family Panel Application

Lawyer Name (Print) _____ Legal Aid Solicitor # _____

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

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

NOTE: If you are certified as a Specialist in Family 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 Family 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 family panel ;
- (ii) I have recent experience in teaching family law and the required practical skills;
- (iii) I have specialized practical training and education in fields related to family law;
- (iv) I have substantial experience as family court or FLIC duty counsel;
- (v) I have substantial articling experience with a recognized family law practitioner.

OR

(vi) 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 in family law or the relevant equivalency, on an annual basis, as set out in section 2(1) or 2(2) of the Family Panel Standards.

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

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

Lawyer's signature: _____ Date: _____

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