

Application

Legal Aid Ontario

Duty Counsel Panel Application Criminal Duty Counsel

Lawyer information

Lawyer name:

Legal aid solicitor #:

LSO solicitor #:

Note: The Duty Counsel Panel Standards are available at your district office or on the LAO website at: http://www.legalaid.on.ca/en/info/panel_standards.asp

Part 1: Minimum related experience

I meet Legal Aid Ontario's minimum related experience or equivalency as set out in section 5A of the Criminal Court Adult and Criminal Court Youth Duty Counsel Panel Standards

Conditional Panel Admission

I do not meet LAO's minimum related experience requirements and am requesting a director general exemption on the basis of one of more of the following

I have had substantial involvement in criminal law;

I have substantial experience as criminal law duty counsel;

I am a new call to the bar (or called to the bar within the last year) and

- a) Performed a rotation as an articulated student in criminal law, and/or
- b) I agree to attend training courses in criminal law as required by the director general

I do not meet LAO's minimum related experience requirements and do not qualify for an exemption and I agree to acquire the minimum related experience or qualify for an exemption within one year.

Part 2: Probation and shadowing

I agree to be subject to a three month probationary period, during which I will shadow an experienced duty counsel for a period to be specified by the director general and at the end of which the director general, the supervisory duty counsel or the manager of legal services shall provide me with performance feedback.

Part 3: Mandatory professional development

I shall complete a minimum of 6 hours of continuing legal education in criminal law on an annual basis.

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

I am requesting a director general 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 duty counsel standards for admission and continued standing.

By selecting this box I affirm that I have read and understood the panel standard requirements and that the information contained herein is complete, true and accurate.

Signature:

Date:

Please submit completed form to the Legal Aid Ontario District Office in your district.

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Signature:

Date: