

# Selection Criteria for CDPP External Junior Counsel Panel



## Level 1

1. Level 1 is open to appropriately qualified barristers who have been at the bar for 0-3 years.

### Advocacy experience

2. The ability to conduct advocacy in all Local/Magistrates' Court prosecutions, District/County Court sentences, committals for sentence, and less complicated District/County Court trials. For the purposes of the application form, prior advocacy experience in relation to this level can include court work, pro bono work, mooting, debating or public speaking.
3. Understanding of evidential and criminal procedure rules.
4. Understanding of substantive Commonwealth criminal law.

### Advisory/written work

5. Ability to present clear and succinct written arguments, citing relevant authorities.
6. Ability to undertake advisory work in less complicated Commonwealth matters in a timely manner.
7. Knowledge of law and procedure relevant to Commonwealth prosecution work.

### Appreciation of the role of a CDPP external advocate

8. Familiarity with the *Prosecution Policy of the Commonwealth*.
9. An understanding of the role and ethical standards required of a prosecutor, including, but not limited to, familiarity with the Barristers Rules for the relevant States or Territories in which an application is made.
10. An understanding of the professional relationship between the advocate, CDPP and informant (e.g. Australian Federal Police, Australian Securities and Investments Commission, etc.) and proven capacity to work effectively with other members of a litigation team with each member of that team having a distinct role.
11. Familiarity with the *CDPP Victims of Crime Policy*.

### Other relevant knowledge, skills and experience

12. Applicants should outline any prior experience they have working on e-trials or with e-briefs, and their interest and/or ability to work with e-briefs.
13. Applicants should outline any other knowledge, skills or experience regarded by them as relevant to their suitability to be briefed by the CDPP. This could include, among other things:
  - a. Relevant defence work
  - b. Relevant voluntary / pro bono work
  - c. Knowledge and experience gained prior to becoming a barrister.

### Professional referees

14. Applicants are requested to nominate two professional referees who can be contacted in relation to their skills and experience, and their suitability to conduct prosecution work. This may be a tutor, head of chambers, or other relevant person who can comment on the applicant's advocacy ability. Applicants may not include a CDPP employee as a referee.