

Selection Criteria for CDPP External Junior Counsel Panel 2018–2020



Your application relates to the remaining two years of the current four year counsel term, concluding December 2020.

Level 2

1. Level 2 is open to appropriately qualified barristers who have been at the bar for at least three years.

Advocacy experience

2. Trial advocacy skills to conduct jury trials (including opening, closing, taking witnesses and legal argument), and appeals.
3. Ability to deal with complicating factors as they arise, such as presenting complex expert evidence, or difficult questions of law and fact.
4. Ability to undertake prosecutions in more complex matters, including trials with multiple defendants, and numerous witnesses.

Advisory/written work

5. Ability to present proficient written submissions to a high standard.
6. Ability to assimilate the relevance of evidence quickly, including when working with voluminous and complex briefs of evidence.
7. Ability to undertake advisory work in more complicated Commonwealth matters in a timely manner.
8. Knowledge of law and procedure relevant to Commonwealth prosecution work.

Appreciation of the role of a CDPP external advocate

9. Familiarity with, and understanding of, the *Prosecution Policy of the Commonwealth*.
10. Sound 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.
11. Demonstrated 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 prosecution team with each member of that team having a distinct role.
12. Understanding of the *CDPP Victims of Crime Policy*, and appreciation of the requirements when speaking with victims and witnesses.

Other relevant knowledge, skills and experience

13. 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.
14. Applicants should outline any other knowledge, skills or experience that they think is 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

15. 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. Applicants may not include a CDPP employee as a referee.