

**Part 1: Lawyer Information**

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- Last Name, First Name\* :
- Alberta Year of Call\*:
- Firm Name\*:
- Mobile Number\*:
- Email Address\*:
- Primary Language\*:
- Secondary Language\*:
- Primary Court Location\*:

**Part 2: Panel Competencies / Competency Plan**

**Note:** Legal Aid Alberta invites applications from lawyers of all levels of seniority. LAA does not necessarily require that panel members demonstrate all four of the competencies mentioned below. LAA will select lawyers for this panel based on the following:

- Demonstrated competency in the areas listed below.
- If the lawyer has not yet demonstrated this competency, the strength of the lawyer's plan to develop this competency while a member of the panel.

Your answers to the questions in this section should therefore summarize your existing competency, or – if you lack this competency – should describe your plan for how you will develop the competency.

**Competency #1: Criminal Law experience in serious and complex Cases (i.e. section 469 of the *Criminal Code of Canada*) or dangerous and long-term offender hearings, including conducting trials (judge alone and jury trials), pre-trial applications and contested sentencing hearings.**

**Primary practice in criminal law is a requirement. Lawyers should demonstrate their competency by: (a) providing a summary of s. 469 offences or other serious and complex cases that you have conducted over the past five years, (b) providing judicial decisions and/or transcripts from cases you have conducted, and (c) by listing any training seminars, courses you have taught, or other continuing legal education you have undertaken in relation to criminal defence.**

1.1. Approximately how much of your practice is devoted to criminal law?

1.2. Approximately how many serious and complex criminal trials, with a specific focus on s.469 offences, have you conducted over the last five years? Please provide a summary which includes the charges, when they were conducted and a summary of the legal issues involved, for example, expert witnesses, pre-trial motions, etc.

1.3. If you do not have experience in conducting serious and complex criminal cases, how do you plan to develop this competency? Please outline your plan to enhance your knowledge and experience in serious and complex cases.

1.4. Summarize any recent training seminars or other continuing legal education programs that you have attended that relate to criminal law, the practice of criminal law, or related subjects.

1.5. Describe any other ways you have demonstrated your aptitude or experience in criminal law or describe how you plan to gain this experience if you are selected for the panel.

1.6. Describe any serious, interesting, or reported cases that you have conducted and attach copies of the decisions and/or transcripts, if available.

**Competency #2: Demonstrated experience and specialized knowledge in working with vulnerable populations including Indigenous clients who make up a significant portion of LAA's clientele. This includes, for example, interest or experience working with Indigenous and marginalized communities and clients who are experiencing homelessness, poverty, addiction, or family breakdown.**

2.1. Why are you interested in working or volunteering with vulnerable populations, as described above? Describe how your professional, personal, educational, or volunteer experiences have reflected this interest.



2.2 How have you gained demonstrated experience and knowledge in working with vulnerable populations including Indigenous clients?

2.3. Please provide a summary of the cases you have conducted that involved working with vulnerable and disadvantaged clientele who require a high level of client management skills.

**Competency #3: A demonstrated interest in mentoring junior lawyers in serious and complex cases.**

3.1 If you have significant experience in serious and complex criminal matters, are you willing to mentor junior lawyers to assist them in gaining the relevant experience to be on this panel?

**Competency #4: A Commitment to Training and Continuing Legal Education in legal issues associated with serious and complex criminal matters.**

**Major Cases Panel lawyers are expected to seek continuing legal education opportunities relevant to the competencies listed above and complete at least eight hours per year of professional continuing education in the area of criminal law.**

4.1 How will you meet the requirement for **eight hours** of legal education on legal issues associated with serious and complex criminal matters?

### **Part 3: Explaining Your Interest in the Panel**

Besides what you stated in Question 2.1, are there any other reasons you are interested in this panel?

Is there anything else you want LAA to know when we consider your application?

If you have not yet developed the competencies listed above, you will be required to work with a mentor who has extensive experience in criminal justice proceedings. What steps, if any, have you taken to seek out mentorship and by whom? Are they prepared to have a more formal mentoring relationship to support your application to be on the Major Cases Panel? Please elaborate.

## **Part 4: References**

Please provide up to two references who can comment on your interest, aptitude, and experience in the areas mentioned above. If you name any references, LAA may contact them for their confidential opinion about your competencies and your suitability for this panel. LAA may choose not to contact the references.

### **Reference #1**

- Name:
- Phone number:
- Email address:
- Relationship:

### **Reference #2**

- Name:
- Phone number:
- Email address:
- Relationship:

## **Part 5: CV/Resumé**

Although optional, you may attach a copy of your CV/Resumé for LAA to review with this application.

## **Part 6: Declarations**

I have read the panel description document for this panel. I certify that all information I have provided to LAA as part of this application is accurate. I acknowledge that LAA will use this information to evaluate my application in accordance with LAA policies. I give LAA permission to make confidential inquiries about my competencies to the references I have listed above. I agree that any information provided by these references will only be used to evaluate my suitability for this panel and I agree that LAA may keep this information confidential from me.

## Instructions to submit

Please save this form and submit the completed PDF (and any attachments) by email to: [majorcasespanel@legalaid.ab.ca](mailto:majorcasespanel@legalaid.ab.ca).

The deadline for submitting this form is **May 19, 2023**. More information on the panel can be found here: <https://www.legalaid.ab.ca/roster-resources/major-cases-panel>.

We cannot accept applications received after the deadline. You will be informed of the results of your application by email by **June 1, 2023**.