

Crown Prosecution Service - Specialist Advocate Panel Scheme 2018-22
Specialist Panel Application Form for Level 2, 3 or 4



Please note where an advocate is applying to join more than one Specialist Panel, a separate application form must be completed for each Panel.

Section 1: Personal Information

Last Name:

First Name & Middle Name(s):

Specialist List Applied For:

(A separate form should be completed for each)

Level Applied for:

I would be willing to undergo security clearance if required to do so:

Bar Number (5 digits):

(Enter 'S' if you are a solicitor-advocate)

Member of the Advocate Panel
general crime list:

(Yes or No)

If yes, please state Level and
primary Circuit

Level

Circuit

Section 2: Current Chambers

Name of Chambers/Solicitors Firm:

Work Address:

Town/City:

Postcode:

Correspondence Address:

(if different from above)

Town/City:

Postcode:

E-mail Address *(CJSM preferred)*:

Section 3: Preferred Crown Court Location

Preferred Crown Court locations:

Section 4: Pre-Qualification Questionnaire

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| 1. Have you ever been convicted, cautioned or reprimanded for a criminal offence in the United Kingdom or abroad, or by any court martial? | Yes | No |
| 2. Have you ever been the subject of police or Serious Fraud Office enquiries relating to fraud? | Yes | No |
| 3. Have you been the subject of disciplinary proceedings or enquiry by your professional or other body? | Yes | No |
| 4. Have you been the subject of civil proceedings for negligence or breach of trust? | Yes | No |
| 5. Has the CPS or Revenue and Customs Prosecutions Office ever had occasion to remove instructions from you? | Yes | No |

If the answer to any of the questions above is yes, please provide full details and dates below:

Section 5: Current Practice

List your main practice areas e.g. general crime, sexual offences, organised, serious and gang-related crime, fraud, regulatory work, other areas of law such as family or civil etc., indicating the percentage of time spent on each. Any specialism in which you are interested, or of which you have some experience, can be mentioned in the additional information section at the end of the form.

Area of Practice:

Percentage of time spent:

Section 6: Advocacy Experience

Date commenced regular advocacy:
(defined as appearing in court three times per week on average)

Detail any periods during which you have not undertaken regular advocacy (including the length of those periods):

Cumulative regular advocacy experience (in years):

Section 7: Secondments

Provide details of any secondments undertaken, starting with the most recent first:

Start Date:

End Date:

Place of Secondment:

Position held:

Experience gained:

Start Date:

End Date:

Place of Secondment:

Position held:

Experience gained:

Section 8: Professional Qualifications

Year of Call or Admission:

Dates of Bar/Law Society examinations:

Grades of Bar/Law Society examinations:

Section 9: Degree & Post-Graduate Qualifications

Date of Completion:

Institution:

Course/Subject:

Results (inc. Grades):

Section 10: Examples of your Work

All information you provide in this section will be treated in confidence. Any sensitive information may be anonymised.

Section 10a: Advocacy

Please provide details of representative examples (no more than four) of your advocacy experience in the areas of work listed in the Selection Criteria document, specific to the level and Specialist Panel you are applying for. This should include details of experience in comparable areas and detail what you have learned from each. Experience in defence work is of equal value to prosecuting experience. *Maximum of 400 words.*

Section 10b: Advisory

Please provide details of representative examples (no more than three) of your advisory experience in the areas of work listed in the Selection Criteria document, specific to the level and the Specialist Panel you are applying for. Please provide brief details of the question or problem you had to advise on, what you advised and why. *Maximum of 400 words.*

Please also attach one (if applying at level 2 or 3) or two (if applying at level 4) pieces of recent drafting e.g. skeleton argument or advice etc.

Section 10c: Public Interest Immunity (PII) & Disclosure

Please provide details of your knowledge and experience of the PII and Disclosure regime relevant to the areas listed in the Selection Criteria document, specific to the level and the Specialist Panel you are applying for. If you wish to provide examples (no more than three), please provide brief details of the question or problem you had to advise on, or deal with, and explain how you advised or dealt with it. *Maximum of 400 words.*

Section 10d: Other Relevant Knowledge, Skills & Experience

Please provide details of other knowledge, skills and experience relevant to the level and Specialist Panel applied for. For example, prosecuting cases digitally, relevant pro bono work, obtaining and using evidence from abroad, human rights and judicial review. Use this section to demonstrate your current awareness and explain how you keep up to date with changes in the law. *Maximum of 400 words.*

Section 10e: Appreciation of the Role of a Panel Advocate

With reference to the relevant Selection Criteria and level applied for, please explain why you want to be on the CPS Specialist Advocate Panel, what you understand the role of a Specialist Panel advocate to be, and what qualities you possess which would make you a good prosecution advocate. *Maximum of 200 words.*

Section 10f: Additional Information

Please use the space below to mention anything else in support of your application. *Maximum of 400 words.*

Section 11: Referees

First Referee

Name:

Job Title/Position:

Address:

Town/City:

Postcode:

E-mail Address:

Telephone No.:

Second Referee

Name:

Job Title/Position:

Address:

Town/City:

Postcode:

E-mail Address:

Telephone No.:

Third Referee (if applicable)

Name:

Job Title/Position:

Address:

Town/City:

Postcode:

E-mail Address:

Telephone No.:

Section 12: Declaration

I declare that the information contained in this form is true and complete. The drafting and examples provided are my own. If any statement is found to be false or misleading, or if I have withheld relevant information, or copied the work of others, then my application may be disqualified or I may be removed from the Panel. I confirm that I have read, and will work in accordance with, the Advocate Panel Members' Commitment. (Please tick the box to accept)

Name:

Date: