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Tēnā koutou

Alcohol and Other Drug Treatment (AODT) Courts in Auckland, Waitākere and Hamilton

We're looking for expressions of interests from experienced defence lawyers who are passionate about therapeutic approaches to justice, and who can commit to up to 20 hours per week, to lead the legal services team in one of three AODT Courts as a AODTC Team Leader/ Supervisor. There are three opportunities available – Auckland, Waitākere and Hamilton.

The Team Leader plays a critical role in the day to day running of the AODT Court, leading a team of up to four lawyers to support participants in the Court throughout their AODT journeys. The Team Leader holds a small case load while being responsible for allocating cases to each lawyer, completing quality checking on these and engaging with the wider AODT Court team on a range of matters.

About the AODT Courts -Te Whare Whakapiki Wairua

Te Whare Whakapiki Wairua, or the AODT Courts, are courts which incorporate tikanga Māori into a therapeutic approach for people whose offending is driven by an alcohol or substance use disorder. Unlike conventional criminal courts, individualised treatment plans are created through the Court process to deal with the arising issues and providing ongoing support to the participant.

More information can be found online: justice.govt.nz/courts/criminal/specialist-courts/aodt-court-resources

Role and responsibilities

As the AODT Court Team Leader/Supervisor, you will be responsible for leading the delivery of a quality and reliable AODTC legal service within the Court. You will:

- Lead and organise the AODTC legal services team on the days the AODTC operates.
- Deal with any matters that arise on the day to ensure progression of matters and the best use of the AODTC duty lawyers.
- Mentor and support the AODTC legal services team to ensure a quality service is delivered to defendants and the Court.
- Assess applicants to the AODT legal services rosters for their suitability and ensure effective induction for new entrants.
- Contribute to new initiatives and improvements to the service.

Applications for these roles close on [date], with appointments expected to start in July 2023.

Expressions of interest

The Ministry is asking for expressions of interest from anyone who meets the following criteria:

- A law degree and current NZ practising certificate
- Has duty lawyer approval, and current criminal PAL 1 or above, with a minimum of 4 years previous criminal law experience
- Knowledge of therapeutic justice as it relates to alcohol and drug dependencies
- Strong organisational and administrative skills
- Ability to build a committed and high-performing team of lawyers to provide a quality service

To submit your application for one of the three positions available, please provide a statement outlining:

- Your experience and how it relates to the position description for this role
- What, if any, therapeutic experience you have (including outside the criminal justice system)?
- Any previous engagement with AODT Courts or other specialist courts
- How you champion te reo and tikanga Māori? your whakapapa?

Please read the attached information and send your completed application form and statement to legalaidthelper@justice.govt.nz by **5pm, 12 June 2023** and include AODTC EOI in the subject line.

Next steps

Once expressions of interest are received, a selection panel will consider the statements provided and Ministry held information to review applications.

More information

If you have any questions or want more information about the content of this letter, please contact legalaidthelper@justice.govt.nz.

If you are not currently approved as a legal aid provider, you can begin the application process here: justice.govt.nz/about/lawyers-and-service-providers/legal-aid-lawyers/become-a-legal-aid-lawyer.

Nāku iti noa, nā



Louisa Carroll

Manager Legal Aid Services

Attachments

- application form
- Position description AODTC Duty Lawyer Team Leader/Supervisor

Application for AODTC Team Leader/Supervisor opportunities in Auckland, Waitākere or Hamilton

Contact details

Name on practising certificate	
Legal aid provider number	

Preferred location

AODT Court Auckland	
AODT Court Waitākere	
AODT Court Hamilton	

Why would you like to lead AODT at your preferred Court?

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Can you provide an example of a time where you have provided upskilling or support to a colleague so they could complete their assigned mahi?

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Agreement

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• I support the therapeutic goals of the AODT Court• I will champion the use of te reo and tikanga Māori• I agree to the expectations of the role.• If assigned, I will read the AODT Court information resources prior to attendance• I have attached my personal statement	
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Declaration

I declare:

- I have read and understood the expectations and requirements of the role (as outlined in the position description)
- I accept the Secretary may request further information from, and make any relevant enquiries of, third parties for the purpose of considering this application
- I must disclose to the Ministry any information that might affect my continuing ability to meet the eligibility criteria set out in the Legal Services (Quality Assurance) Regulations 2011
- I acknowledge and agree to the terms and conditions of my current Legal Aid Provider contract as prescribed by the Secretary (copies are available online: <https://www.justice.govt.nz/assets/documents/publications/contract.pdf>).

Signature _____

Date dd / mm / yyyy