

Person specification form – Legal Aid Selection Committees

To be nominated as a member of a Legal Aid Selection Committee by the New Zealand Law Society, the person must meet the following criteria:

- Be a lawyer with a minimum of 5 years' post admission litigation experience with expertise and knowledge relevant to the Committee's work,
- A minimum of 3 years' experience as a legal aid provider in the specified jurisdiction, or comparable experience in the specified jurisdiction,
- Have an understanding of the needs of courts, legally aided clients, and the legal profession,
- Be committed to maintaining professional standards in the legal system,
- Be an experienced member of a committee, preferably with recommendatory functions,
- Be experienced in assessing and analysing submissions and information and drawing conclusions,
- Be willing to commit the required time to the Committee, including any required preparation time,
- Have no conflicts of interest, or must have identified and disclosed any actual or potential conflicts,
- No recent upheld complaints about their provision of legal services,
- To be considered by the Law Society to be of fit character.