

Instructions To Submit

Please save this form and submit the completed PDF (and any attachments) by email to: youthcriminalpanel@legalaid.ab.ca. The deadline for submitting this form can be found on the LAA website <https://www.legalaid.ab.ca/youthcriminalpanel/>. We cannot accept applications received after the deadline. You will be informed of the results of your application by email in due course.

Part 1: Lawyer Information

- Last Name, First Name:*
- Alberta Year of Call:*
- Firm Name:*
- Mobile Number:*
- Email Address:*
- Languages spoken other than English:*
- City/Area where lawyer's office is located:*

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 lawyers':

- Demonstrated competency in the areas listed below, or
- 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, including conducting trials and contested sentencing hearings. Specialization in criminal law and in related practice areas is a considerable asset. Some ways lawyers may demonstrate this competency include: (a) by describing how much of the lawyer's practice is devoted to criminal law, (b) by summarizing how many contested criminal trials or sentencing hearings the lawyer has conducted over the previous five years, and (c) by listing any training seminars or other continuing legal education the lawyer has undertaken in relation to criminal defence.

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

1.2. Approximately how many criminal trials and sentencing hearings have you conducted over the last five years?

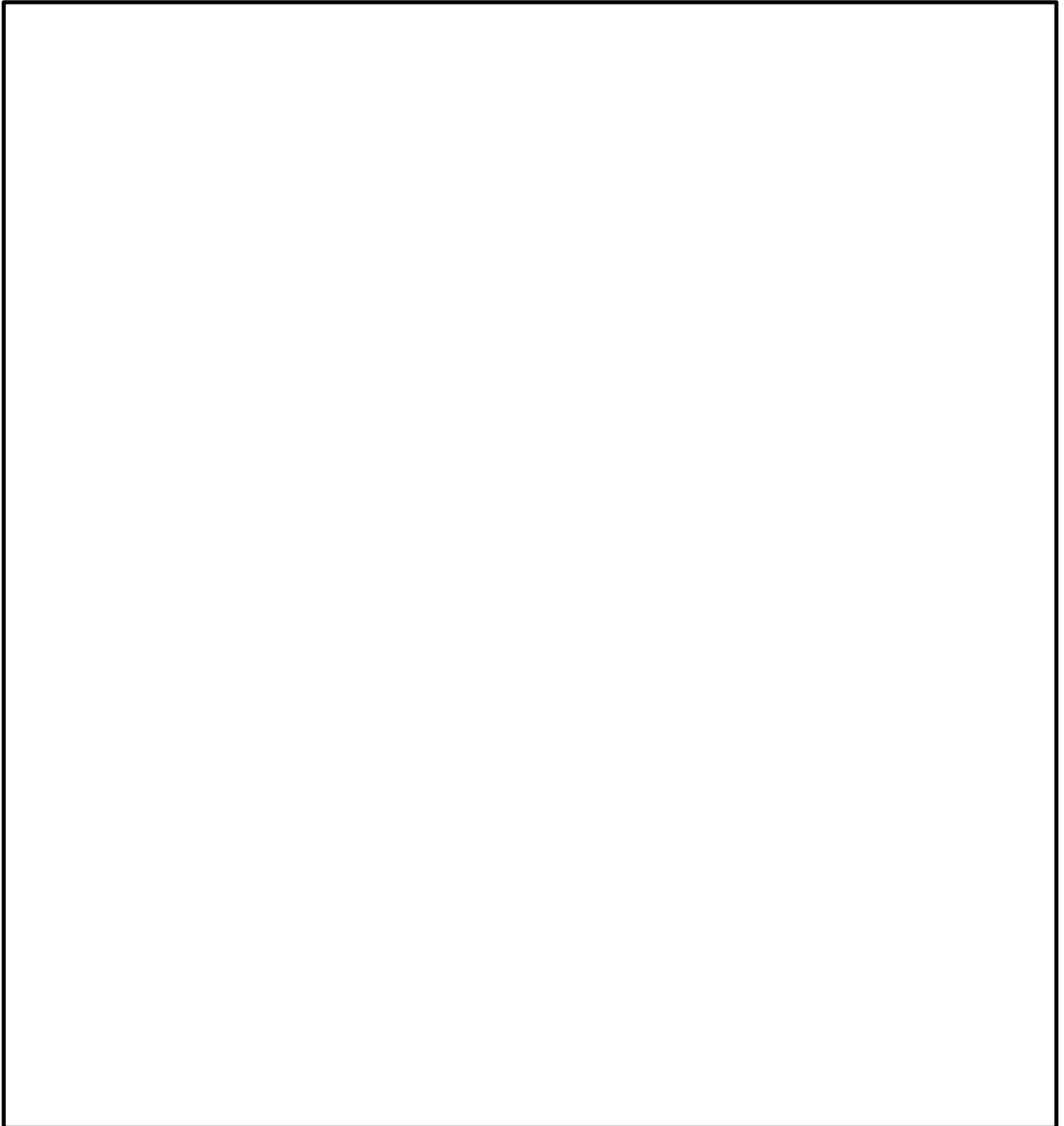
- 1.3. Summarize any recent training seminars or other continuing legal education programs that you have attended that relate to criminal law, the practice of criminal law, or related subjects.

- 1.4. Describe any other ways you have demonstrated your aptitude or experience in criminal law. If you do not have much criminal law experience – describe your interest in criminal law and describe how you plan to gain this experience if you are selected for the panel.

Competency #2: Experience in proceedings under the *Youth Criminal Justice Act* and a demonstrated understanding of the unique nature of youth court proceedings. This includes understanding youth-specific principles that apply to: (a) the rules of evidence, (b) judicial interim release, (c) extra-judicial sanctions, and (d) sentencing. Some ways lawyers may demonstrate this competency include: (a) by estimating of how many young people the lawyer has represented in criminal proceedings over the past five years, (b) by describing some serious, interesting, or reported youth-law cases the lawyer has been involved with, or (c) by listing training seminars or other continuing legal education the lawyer has undertaken in relation to youth criminal law.

2.1 Approximately how many young people have you represented in criminal proceedings over the last five years?

2.2. Have you been involved in any serious, interesting, or reported youth law cases? If so, please briefly describe them.

A large, empty rectangular box with a black border, intended for the respondent to provide a brief description of any serious, interesting, or reported youth law cases they have been involved in.

2.3. Summarize any recent training seminars or other continuing legal education programs that you have attended that relate to youth criminal law or representing young people.

2.4. Describe any other ways you have gained experience in *YCJA* proceedings, or ways you have demonstrated your understanding of the *YCJA*'s evidentiary, bail, or sentencing rules. If you have not represented many young people charged with crimes, explain why you are interested in this work, and describe how you plan to gain this competency while on the panel.

Competency #3: Special interest or experience working or volunteering with the vulnerable young people and vulnerable populations who make up much of LAA's youth clientele. This includes, for example, interest or experience working with youth from Indigenous and marginalized communities and youth who are experiencing homelessness, poverty, addiction, or family breakdown. Lawyers should demonstrate their competency by explaining how their previous professional, personal, educational, or volunteer experience reflects their interest or experience in this area.

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

Competency #4: An understanding of the unique sentencing, extrajudicial sanctions, and other rehabilitative resources available to young people within the lawyer’s geographic service areas.

For example, it is helpful to know whether a lawyer has experience referring clients to a local youth justice committee, or if the lawyer has previously helped a client access any treatment options available to young people within their jurisdiction.

4.1. If you have experience with any sentencing, extra-judicial sanctions, or other rehabilitative resources specific to young people in your jurisdiction, please summarize your experience with these resources. If you do not have much experience, please explain how you would educate yourself about these options if you were selected for the panel.

Part 3: Explaining Your Interest in the Panel

Why do you want to join this panel? Why are you interested in this kind of work?

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

Part 4: References (Optional)

Although optional, you may 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

1. Name:

2. Phone number:

3. Email address:

4. Relationship:

Reference #2

5. Name:

6. Phone number:

7. Email address:

8. Relationship:

Part 5: CV/Resume (Optional)

Although optional, you may attach a copy of your CV/Resume 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.