

Instructions To Submit

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

The deadline for submitting this form is June 30, 2026. You will be informed of the results of your application by email in due course.

More information on the panel can be found here: <https://www.legalaid.ab.ca/roster-resources/major-cases-panel>.

Part 1: Lawyer Information *Required field

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

Part 2: Competency Plan

Legal Aid Alberta invites renewal applications for this Panel.

LAA will select lawyers for this Panel based on the lawyer's demonstrated competency in the areas listed. Please summarize any existing competencies and update any additional skills you have learned and experienced in the last 3 years which you feel further qualify you to remain on the Panel.

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 three years, (b) providing judicial decisions and/or transcripts from cases you have conducted.

1.1. Approximately how much of your practice is devoted to criminal law? Briefly describe your current practice as it relates to Major Cases

1.2. Please summarize and update your trial experience in the past 3 years. Approximately how many serious and complex criminal trials, with a specific focus on s.469 offences, Dangerous Offender and Long-term Offender applications you have conducted over the last 3 years. Please indicate how many Major Cases clients you have represented in the past 3 years and how many of those were Legal Aid certificates.

1.3. Describe any serious, interesting, or reported cases that you have conducted in the past 3 years.

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 with vulnerable populations, as described above? Describe how your professional, personal, educational, or volunteer experiences have reflected this interest.

2.2. Please provide a summary of the cases you have conducted that involve 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 Please list any situations or cases where you have mentored junior lawyers concerning matters related to Major Cases.

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 in criminal law related to Major Cases

4.1 Since you have been on the Panel, summarize any related Major Cases training or seminars you have attended

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. Please include experience as an instructor, presenter or contributor to continuing education for other lawyers or students. Indicate approximate hours.

Part 3: Explaining Your Interest in the Panel

Besides what you stated in Question 2.1, are there any other reasons you have a continued interest in being an active member of this panel?

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

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

Please attach an updated 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 may be used to evaluate my suitability for this panel and continue to receive certificates. I agree that LAA may keep this information confidential from me.