News story: Apply to the Attorney General's Civil Counsel: Regional panel

Applications are invited from advocates interested in joining the Regional panel to undertake civil and EU work for government departments.

The Attorney General is establishing three separate panels in the Regions:

- A panel for senior juniors
- B panel for middle juniors
- C panel for junior juniors

Members of the Regional panel will be expected to have at least 2 years' experience in actual practice by 30 November 2017 (starting from end of second 6 months' pupillage for barristers or end of training contract for solicitors).

Appointments will be for 5 years. Those appointed to the Regional C panel will often provide (but not exclusively) the Regional A and B panel members of the future and so should have the potential to join the A panel.

There are vacancies on the panel in all areas of public and private law. The Attorney General is particularly looking to deepen capacity in:

- admiralty/shipping
- aviation
- road and rail
- benefits
- social security & right to reside
- construction
- contract/commercial

- corporate
- costs
- education
- data protection
- directors' disqualification
- energy/utilities
- general tax work direct and indirect
- human rights

Application

To obtain details about the eligibility requirements and the application process, we recommend reading our <u>Regional Panel Information Sheet</u> (PDF, 79.9KB, 9 pages).

To apply, you must first email PanelCounsel@governmentlegal.gov.uk to register an interest. Please note that registering an interest does not commit you to making an application if you later decide not to do so.

Once you have registered, you will be given a link to access our online portal and download the application pack.

Completed applications must be submitted by midday on Thursday 30 November 2017.

Further information and mentoring

If you have any queries, contact the Government Legal Department Panel Counsel team via email panelcounsel@governmentlegal.gov.uk or on 020 7210 1506.

We encourage applications from a wide range of those eligible to apply. Therefore we will put advocates who want to discuss the application process for the C Panel in touch with an established Panel member as a mentor. The mentor will discuss the application process, the eligibility criteria and the presentation of relevant information on the application form either by telephone or in person.

If you are considering applying and want a mentor, please contact the

Government Legal Department Panel Counsel team, via email anna.rickard@governmentlegal.gov.uk before 5pm on 3 November 2017.