

## **Application for appointment as King's Counsel**

### **Section 119, Lawyers and Conveyancers Act 2006**

The application form covers the requirements of the Lawyers and Conveyancers Act (Lawyers: King's Counsel) Regulations 2012 and the Guidelines for Candidates issued by the Attorney-General and the Chief Justice.

Please complete this form electronically or write clearly in black ink. If there is insufficient space on the form, continue on a separate sheet. If providing hard copies, please staple your application in the upper left hand corner only. Do not provide bound applications or include folders.

Applications are preferred in electronic format. Send your application marked "Private and Confidential" to [kc@crownlaw.govt.nz](mailto:kc@crownlaw.govt.nz), or alternatively post to Crown Law PO Box 2858 or DX SP20208, Wellington. Attention: Ministerial Services.

The application fee of \$125 can be paid by internet banking to Westpac 03 0049 0002103 00. Please include your initials, surname and "KC" as reference details and provide in your email your method of payment. A deposit slip can be provided on request.

When the Crown Law office has received your full fee payment,

- if you are eligible for appointment, Crown Law will email you a tax invoice that will also confirm receipt of your fee payment; or
- if you are not eligible, Crown Law will contact you for your bank account details and a refund of the full application fee will be transferred to your nominated account.

Before the Attorney-General and the Chief Justice make and announce final decisions on King's Counsel appointments, Crown Law Office will circulate a survey to applicants seeking feedback on our administration of the application process.

#### **1. Personal details**

Full name:	
Address:	
Email:	
Telephone	Mobile: Other:
Date of birth:	

## 2. Professional details

Legal education:	
Year of graduation with first legal qualification (LLB):	
Date and place of admission as a barrister and solicitor of the High Court of New Zealand (dd/mm/yy):	
Current specialist law association memberships (if any):	

## 3. Eligibility for appointment

Please confirm that you make this application based on your assertion that you are in the standard eligibility category (of lawyers practising independently as barristers sole) specified in section 118A(1) of the Lawyers and Conveyancers Act 2006 because (whether or not you are a statutory officer) you—

Hold a current practising certificate authorising you to practise as a barrister and not as a barrister and solicitor;	Yes/No
Practise, and in the course of your practice provide regulated services, alone (that is, not in partnership with any other lawyer);	Yes/No
Are not actively involved in the provision by an incorporated law firm (other than one in which you are the only voting shareholder) of regulated services;	Yes/No
Are not an employee (other than an employee of an incorporated law firm in which you are the only voting shareholder) who, in the course of your employment, provides regulated services.	Yes/No

(Evidence, volunteered or obtained by inquiries, may be required to prove all or any part of that assertion.)

#### 4. Career history

Please give details, in date order, of your professional career. Please include chambers, firms, professional organisations, legal teaching posts and salaried legal posts. Under “particulars” please specify position and type of work done.

Dates	Chambers, firm or other organisation and address	Particulars

#### 5. Publications

Please give details of any legal publications that you have written, edited or contributed to or similar professional activities.

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**6. Categories of practice**

Please give a brief description of your current practice, including any areas of specialism and an overview of the main types of cases you have been involved in over the past five years.

**7. Proceedings**

Please provide a list of the ten major or significant cases in the High Court or above, or in a specialist jurisdiction, in which you have appeared as counsel over the past three years.

Court/Proceeding	Location (Court)	Details

## 8. Addressing the appointment criteria

In this section outline how you meet each of the appointment criteria. Where possible set out specific examples from the cases you have identified above to demonstrate your attainment of the criteria. Please limit your responses to no more than 450 words for each of the criteria.

**Excellence:** this is the overarching criteria.

Limit 450 words

**Knowledge of the law:** expert, up to date, legal knowledge.

Limit 450 words

**Commitment to improving access to justice:** a history of making a personal contribution to advancing better access to justice for those who need it, for example by undertaking criminal/civil legal aid work, supporting community-based law centres, or through honorary positions or *pro bono* work.

Limit 450 words

**Oral and written advocacy:** superior skill in the presentation and testing of litigants' cases.

Limit 450 words

**Independence:** the ability to devote him or herself to the client's interests, free of other influences.

Limit 450 words

**Integrity and honesty:** in all dealings with clients, the judiciary and fellow practitioners.

Limit 450 words

**Leadership:** in setting and maintaining the standards of the profession.

Limit 450 words

## 9. Details that may affect suitability for appointment

Criminal convictions:  Yes / No	<i>If yes, provide details</i>
Professional finding of unsatisfactory conduct or misconduct:  Yes / No	<i>If yes, provide details</i>
New Zealand Law Society intervention in practice:  Yes / No	<i>If yes, provide details</i>
Costs orders made by a court or tribunal against the candidate personally:  Yes / No	<i>If yes, provide details</i>
Bankruptcy proceedings:  Yes / No	<i>If yes, provide details</i>
Any other information that does or may affect suitability for appointment:	

## 10. Referees [name up to 4 referees]

*Referees are optional. Members of the judiciary are not to be named as referees.*

Referee 1: [name and contact details]	
Referee 2: [name and contact details]	
Referee 3: [name and contact details]	
Referee 4: [name and contact details]	

**11. Compliance with guidelines for candidates**

Confirm that you have:

Attached to, or included in, this application, information explaining how you comply with any guidelines issued by the Chief Justice and the Attorney-General on the qualifications and experience for appointment	Yes/No
Complied with any guidelines of that kind on the process for recommendations for appointment	Yes/No

**12. Authorisation and certification**

I confirm that I authorise inquiries being made in confidence to authorities in New Zealand or overseas, and information being in confidence disclosed to or by them for confidential collection, storage, and use, for, and on matters relevant to, this application.		Yes / No
I certify that all information provided in or with this application is true and correct.		
Signature of applicant:		
Date:		
<i>Please note:</i>	<i>Every application for appointment must be accompanied by the application fee of \$500</i>	

**Note:** If you have fully completed this form then it is likely you have included the required information and complied with the Guidelines.

**Complete the consent form on the next page**

**Consent form**

I, *(insert full name)* \_\_\_\_\_ give my consent to my name being passed to the New Zealand Law Society as part of the assessment of my King's Counsel application, and I authorise the New Zealand Law Society to provide any information it may consider relevant to this application, including any matters relating to details of any determinations or decisions regarding complaints or disciplinary matters or details of any open complaints or disciplinary matters since my admission.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: