



Police Appeals Tribunal

CRITERIA FOR APPOINTMENT TO PANEL

It is intended to appoint 20 persons to the panel of potential members of the PAT. Applicants will be advocates or solicitors who have been practising as such for at least 5 years immediately prior to appointment to the Tribunal. Members must continue to practice to remain on the panel. Successful applicants will be those who appear to the Lord President to display the following to the greatest extent:

Court or Tribunal Experience

- (i) ability to present cases in court or tribunal clearly and cogently;

Legal Ability

- (ii) sound intellectual ability and a thorough, comprehensive and up to date knowledge of legal principle, the relevant rules of law and procedure and of the legal and other issues to be faced when acting as Tribunal member;

Communication and Judgement

- (iii) ability to exercise sound judgment in a decisive fashion; ability to communicate effectively; ability to work collaboratively to achieve a positive outcome;

Professional Qualities

- (iv) high professional standing, with the respect of the Bench and the profession; ability to command respect of Tribunal users.

From the panel, the Lord President is required to appoint a chairing member for each tribunal. It is likely that such a person will hold the rank and dignity of Queens Counsel.