



Referee Report for Candidate seeking admission as a Barrister and Solicitor of the High Court of New Zealand

Referees should be persons of standing in the community. You cannot be a referee if you are:

- related to the candidate by blood or marriage
- connected to the candidate by civil union or defacto relationship
- a fellow IPLS (Profs), College of Law or university student
- a university lecturer and/or tutor who has known the candidate in that capacity

A university lecturer may act as a referee if he/she is acquainted with the candidate or the candidate's family outside the university or has known the candidate in the capacity of an employer.

Criminal Records (Clean Slate) Act 2004

Please complete the form subject to the provisions of the Criminal Records (Clean Slate) Act 2004.

Name of candidate for Admission

NZLS Branch

Please return this form to the relevant branch office (contact details attached)

Name of Referee

Mr/Mrs/Ms/Other

Position Title

Firm/Employer name

Address of Firm

Daytime Contact Number

Fax

After Hours Contact Number

How long and in what capacity have you known the candidate?

Why do you consider the candidate a fit and proper person for admission as a barrister and solicitor of the High Court?

If necessary use a separate sheet and attach to this report.

Are there any personal or professional issues the New Zealand Law Society should be aware of that may affect the candidate's ability to practise as a lawyer?

In your opinion is the candidate a fit and proper person for admission as a Barrister and Solicitor of the High Court?

Yes No (if not please explain your reasons)

If necessary use a separate sheet and attach to this report.

To your knowledge, has the candidate been under any medical attention at any time in New Zealand or overseas which might reflect on his/her physical or mental fitness to practise as a lawyer?

Yes (please provide further details and use a separate sheet if necessary) No

If necessary use a separate sheet and attach to this report.

To the best of your knowledge, has the candidate:

- Ever been convicted in any court in New Zealand or overseas?
- Pending or current charges before a court in New Zealand or overseas
- Ever been the subject of disciplinary action by any authority in New Zealand or overseas?

Yes (please provide further details and use a separate sheet if necessary) No

If necessary use a separate sheet and attach to this report.

To the best of your knowledge, has the candidate ever been adjudicated bankrupt or made an assignment for the benefit of creditors in New Zealand or overseas?

Yes (please provide further details and use a separate sheet if necessary) No

If necessary use a separate sheet and attach to this report.

Do you have any further comments about the candidate's character?

If necessary use a separate sheet and attach to this report.

I confirm that the above information is true to the best of my knowledge.

Signed _____

Date _____

Information Notes

Requirements

Please answer the questions in this form as fully as possible. A full explanation should be provided wherever it is appropriate to do so. Please elaborate on each point. Inadequate responses may delay the processing of the candidate's application.

Use of Reference

The information and opinion you provide will be treated as confidential to the New Zealand Law Society. It will be used for the purpose of consideration of the suitability of the candidate to be issued with a certificate of character pursuant to the Lawyers and Conveyancers Act 2006 and the LCA (Lawyers: Admission Rules) Regulations 2008.

Privacy Act 1993

Any reference you provide may be made available to the candidate on request under the provisions of the Privacy Act 1993. The information you provide will only be used for the purpose of assessing the candidate's character in the context of his/her application for admission as a barrister and solicitor of the High Court of New Zealand and not for any other purpose.

Submission of Reference

Send the referee report **directly** to the relevant branch office (contact details attached).

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