



Youth Advocate Application and Statutory Declaration

Full name of Applicant	
Firm/Postal address	
Telephone number	
Mobile number	
Email	
Area(s)/Court(s) for appointment	

This application **must** address the criteria in s 323(2) Oranga Tamariki Act 1989 (the Act) and the matters to be considered under para 4.8 of the Principal Youth Court Judge's Appointment and Review Procedure for Youth Advocates Protocol (the Protocol).

The following questions are designed to assist in responding to these criteria and factors.

Detail your knowledge and experience in criminal law? Please be mindful of paras 4.11 and 4.12 of the Protocol

(Please provide detail of knowledge and experience)

(Please continue on a separate sheet)



What knowledge and experience do you have in the Youth Justice sector?

(Include knowledge of: the objects, principles and provisions of the Act; the provisions relating to child offenders before the Youth Court; police obligations and requirements as they apply to the arrest, questioning and processing of young people; the roles of the various participants in the youth justice system; and care and protection issues as they apply to youth justice procedures. Include experience of working with, relating to and communicating with young persons and their families)

(Please provide detail of knowledge and experience)

(Please continue on a separate sheet)

What is your knowledge and experience of the community groups and resources in the local area?

(Include knowledge and experience of: education and training facilities available in the local area, local cultural organisations, and cultural matters)

(Please provide detail of knowledge and experience)

(Please continue on a separate sheet)



Have you attended any relevant training/courses?

Yes

No

(Please provide detail of experience and attach any course certificates)

(Please continue on a separate sheet)

Have you been the subject of any adverse disciplinary finding by any former District Law Society or by the Lawyers Complaints Service or by the New Zealand Lawyers and Conveyancers Disciplinary Tribunal or an equivalent overseas body?

Yes

No

(Please provide details below if you have answered "yes")

Are you currently the subject of an unresolved complaint(s)?

Yes

No

(Please provide details below if you have answered "yes")



Do you have a current practising certificate?

Yes

No

(Please provide details below if you have answered "yes")

Is there any other information that may be relevant to your suitability to act as a Youth Advocate?

Yes

No

(Please provide details below if you have answered "yes")



Referees

Please provide the names and contact details of two referees.

(Referees will be asked to provide professional, confidential comment)

<i>Name</i>	
<i>Phone</i>	
<i>Email</i>	

<i>Name</i>	
<i>Phone</i>	
<i>Email</i>	

Mentors

Please provide the names and contact details of two senior youth advocates.

(If appointed the panel will appoint a senior youth advocate as a mentor for an agreed period following your appointment to the list)

<i>Name</i>	
<i>Phone</i>	
<i>Email</i>	

<i>Name</i>	
<i>Phone</i>	
<i>Email</i>	

Signature of applicant: _____

Date: _____



STATUTORY DECLARATION

I _____ (full name) of _____
 (address and occupation) solemnly and sincerely declare that:

The contents of this application are true and correct.

I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true and by virtue of the provisions of the Oaths and Declarations Act 1957.

Signature of applicant: _____

Declared at _____ (place) this ____ (date) day of _____ (month) (year).

Before me: (name of person authorised to take statutory declaration)

Signature: _____

In each Youth Court there will be a list of lawyers suitable to be appointed as Youth Advocates. From that list, a lawyer is assigned by the court as a Youth Advocate in a case.

This completed form and statutory declaration should be sent to the relevant Service Manager in the court where you wish to practice. The Service Manager will convene a panel pursuant to para 3 of the Protocol. The Protocol sets out detail of the Panel, the appointment process to be followed and the criteria a lawyer should meet to be appointed to the Youth Advocate list.