



LEGAL AID PANEL (COUNSEL)

Data Update Form (Form LAP4)

---Please complete all parts of the Form---

PART I – PERSONAL PARTICULARS

Name - (English) : (Surname) (Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms)

(Other name) (in full)

(Chinese) : _____ Telephone No. : _____

Address : _____

DX No. : _____ Fax No. : _____

Office E-mail Address : _____

Employment History (if applicable) and Work Experience :

Year	Chambers/Organisation	Type of Work

- Note:*
- (1) Please return the completed form to Secretary of the Departmental Monitoring Committee, Legal Aid Department, 26/F, Queensway Government Offices, 66 Queensway, Hong Kong.*
 - (2) The Director of Legal Aid may require further information or proof of the information provided.*
 - (3) Please notify the Legal Aid Department as soon as possible of any changes in your personal particulars and work experience.*
 - (4) Information provided in this Form will supersede that previously provided.*

PART III – NEGLIGENCE CLAIMS/DISCIPLINARY ACTION

(Please answer both questions.)

- a. I have/have not* been sued for professional negligence in the past 5 years.
- b. I have/have not* had any disciplinary proceedings brought against me in the past 5 years and am/am not* aware of any pending disciplinary proceedings to be brought against me.

(Note : if the answer is in the affirmative, please provide details and outcome in a supplementary sheet.)

PART IV – CONFIRMATION, UNDERTAKING AND DECLARATION

I confirm I understand that :

- (i) the fees payable to me in legal aid assignments under Section 13 of the Legal Aid Ordinance including any advance payment to me under Regulation 6 of the Legal Aid (Scale of Fees) Regulations are governed by and are subject to taxation as required by the said Regulations; and
- (ii) the fees payable to me in legal aid assignments in criminal cases are governed by and subject to determination by the Director of Legal Aid under the Legal Aid in Criminal Cases Rules, Cap 221.

I undertake that :

- (i) If I am assigned any legal aid work, I will comply with the provisions of the Legal Aid Ordinance and its Regulations, the Legal Aid in Criminal Cases Rules, Cap.221 and any guidelines or directions issued by the Legal Aid Department from time to time which may apply to such assignment; and
- (ii) I will notify the Director of Legal Aid if there is any change in the information provided in this form.

I agree to the Director disclosing, in connection with the assignment and the handling of legal aid cases, information concerning any unsatisfactory[#] performance of legal aid work undertaken by me, the number of cases assigned to me and any record of or pending disciplinary proceedings against me to the relevant applicants or aided persons.

I declare that the information provided in this form is true and correct.

Date : _____ Signature : _____

[#] Please refer to Chapter 8 of the Manual for Legal Aid Practitioners, which can be accessed on the website of the Legal Aid Department, for the meaning of “unsatisfactory” performance.

PART V – REFERENCES *(Counsel who have less than 7 years’ post-qualification experience are required to complete this part. Referees can be judges or private legal practitioners with not less than 7 years’ post-qualification experience.)*

(a) First Referee :

I am of the view that the person named in Part I has the experience and expertise as stated in Part II.

Name : _____ Signature : _____

Profession/occupation : _____ Date : _____

Correspondence Address : _____

(b) Second Referee :

I am of the view that the person named in Part I has the experience and expertise as stated in Part II.

Name : _____ Signature : _____

Profession/occupation : _____ Date : _____

Correspondence Address : _____

** Please delete as appropriate*

Purpose of Collection

The personal data provided by means of this form will be used by the Legal Aid Department for the purpose as stipulated in S. 4 of the Legal Aid Ordinance, Cap. 91. It serves as a useful reference for the Department in considering the suitability of allocation of legal aid assignments to counsel and solicitors on the Legal Aid Panel.

2. The provision of personal data by means of this form is voluntary. If you do not provide sufficient information, we may not be able to assess your suitability for a legal aid assignment under consideration.

Classes of Transferees

3. The personal data you provide by means of this form will be kept confidential and will not be disclosed to any third parties without your prior consent except that your name, office address, telephone number and work experience will be made available for public inspection.

Access and Correction of Personal Data

4. You have a right of access and correction with respect to personal data as provided for in Sections 18 and 22 and Principle 6 of the Schedule 1 of the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance. Your right of access includes the right to obtain a copy of your personal data provided by this form.

Enquiries

5. Enquiries concerning the personal data collected by means of this form, including the making of access and corrections, should be addressed to :

Personal Data Privacy Officer,
Legal Aid Department,
27/F, Queensway Government Offices,
66 Queensway,
Hong Kong

Tel: 2867 3171