



SFO

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office

Prosecuting the most serious and complex economic crime cases and applying a creative and proactive approach to our criminal and asset recovery investigations.

The SFO is seeking a wider pool of advocates for the new Panel List set to launch in the late Summer of 2020

The SFO invites applications from advocates with an appetite for combatting serious fraud, bribery and corruption and recovering the proceeds of crime.

Applications are normally invited every four years and the 2020 panel will run until 2024. We are particularly keen to increase the diversity of our panels and attract skilled advocates to deliver high quality prosecution and proceeds of crime work.

The SFO Panel covers prosecution, and separately, proceeds of crime work. This will include a QC list and junior counsel lists A, B and C.

Why should I apply?

- SFO cases are interesting and complex, providing Counsel with the ability to gain experience on high profile criminal cases including deferred prosecution agreements and international criminal investigations.
- The SFO pays fee notes monthly in arrears on the basis of agreed hours for that month.
- Previous experience of fraud cases is not essential. What is required is a demonstration that you are a good advocate who can apply the law, convey the case to Judges and juries and work as part of a prosecution team. We will consider transferable skills.
- Previous prosecution experience is not essential for those seeking to join the C list but will be required for all other levels.
- For proceeds of crime work, we also encourage those with a civil background to consider applying.
- Advocates can manage their diaries to take on other commitments while working with the SFO, subject to agreement.
- Applicants who fail to meet the minimum acceptable score for the Panel list applied for, might be considered for the next Panel down if allocation numbers permit.
- All those currently on our lists will be asked to submit a fresh application.

What is the assessment criteria for the application?

Applicants will be asked to complete a form providing evidence based examples to demonstrate their skills and experience, with some anonymised written work to demonstrate the same. Also applicants will be required to supply two references.

Interested?

If you wish to register your interest please email panelcounsel@sfo.gov.uk

Application forms and further details about the application process will be provided when the application process is opened.