

List of Specialist Regulatory Advocates in Health and Safety and Environmental Law and Appointment of Standing Counsel

On 31st March 2012 the Attorney General's Unified List of Prosecuting Advocates will come to an end. The Health and Safety Executive, Environment Agency and Office of Rail Regulation wish to appoint a list of advocates to conduct their higher court prosecution work and other regulatory advocacy. HSE and ORR also each wish to appoint two Standing Counsel.

By agreement the HSE will be undertaking the administration arrangements for the selection process on behalf of the members of the Regulatory List Board. However the selection process itself will be conducted jointly by all three bodies. It is intended that all future instruction of counsel in prosecution and ancillary matters by the HSE, EA and ORR will be by reference to the Regulatory List

Further details of the scheme, the selection criteria and how to make an application are available at <http://www.hse.gov.uk/sellingtohse/contracts.htm>

The closing date for applications is Monday 12th March 2012 at 12 noon.

If you have any queries in relation the scheme or the application process please contact Steven McCarthy by e-mail at Regulatory.List@hse.gsi.gov.uk or by telephone on 0151 951 5830

Appointment of Standing Counsel for the Department for Business Innovation and Science (BIS)

BIS wishes to appoint up to 6 Standing Counsel. Further details of the application process and selection criteria can be obtained by sending an e-mail to standingcounsel.recruitment@bis.gsi.gov.uk.

The closing date for applications is Wednesday 14th March 2012.

If you have any queries in relation the scheme or the application process please contact Judy Kennedy e-mail at standingcounsel.recruitment@bis.gsi.gov.uk or by telephone on 0207 215 5767

**APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COUNSEL
TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR BUSINESS, INNOVATION AND SKILLS (BIS)**

The Department for Business, Innovation and Skills prosecutes a range of offences, primarily relating to personal or company insolvencies (further details can be found on the Department's website). Standing Counsel to the Department are instructed to provide strategic advice on complex issues emerging in its criminal work, and to advise and prosecute in the Department's most serious cases.

Vacancies

Our present Standing Counsel appointments expire in April 2012. Consequently, the Department has vacancies for up to six Standing Counsel in England and Wales. Appointments will be made for three years with the possibility of an extension to a total of five years at the Department's discretion.

Successful applicants are expected to adhere to the Department's Standing Counsel Protocol (available as part of the application pack) including prioritisation of Department work.

Eligibility

Applications are welcome from experienced barristers or solicitors with higher court advocacy rights. No specific length of call or practice is required, though applicants are expected to have substantial post qualification experience. It is expected that most applicants will have previously prosecuted cases on behalf of the Department, although this is not essential.

Applicants are expected to demonstrate significant experience of:

- advocacy in serious and complex fraud prosecutions, including company and / or personal insolvency related aspects of fraud;
- proven ability to draft clear and practical written advices and skeleton arguments on legal, procedural and evidential issues, within a short time-frame;
- handling large-scale / complicated disclosure exercises under CPIA;
- POCA restraint and confiscation regime;
- working for government departments / CPS and an appreciation of the special demands and policy implications of government / CPS prosecutions.

Application

All applicants are required to complete an application form and submit two pieces of written work. Applicants are also required to provide up to three professional references, completed on a pro-forma form. The Selection Board will recommend for appointment those applicants who appear to be best qualified regardless of ethnic origin, gender, marital status, sexual orientation, political affiliation, religion, age or disability.

An application pack can be obtained by e-mail from standingcounsel.recruitment@bis.gsi.gov.uk. Applications must be completed electronically and returned to the above e-mail address. Queries in connection with the application process can be e-mailed to standingcounsel.recruitment@bis.gsi.gov.uk or, alternatively, contact Judy Kennedy on 0207 215 5767. The closing date for completed application forms is 5.00pm, Wednesday 14th March 2012.