



6 ASSESSMENT GUIDE - EQUIVALENT RELEVANT EXPERIENCE WITH FAMILIES IN CONFLICT

PLEASE NOTE: This section only needs to be completed if you have NOT practised in the NZ Family Court for at least 5 years.

If you do not have 5 years practising as a lawyer in the NZ Family Court, you will need to demonstrate you have the equivalent relevant experience of working with families in conflict. Please:

Briefly describe your skills, knowledge and experience in relation to each of the criteria below:

- A. The number of years you have practised in the NZ Family Court
- B. The proportion of time you spend practising Family Law;
- C. Family systems theories and child development;
- D. Gender issues;
- E. Domestic violence and power imbalances and how to deal with unequal bargaining positions;
- F. Dealing with highly emotional clients;
- G. The challenges of dealing with unrepresented clients;
- H. Community-based organisations and support groups offering families help; and
- I. Demonstrate an awareness of cultural and disability issues.

Limit your self-assessment knowledge to approximately 300 words for each criteria. Attach your self-assessment form to this application form (a form is provided below).

Please provide the name and contact details of two referees who the NZLS may contact to provide professional comment on your application.

Reference One

Name

Relationship to applicant

Phone

Email

Reference Two

Name

Relationship to applicant

Phone

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(i) Demonstrate an awareness of cultural and disability issues

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