

Solicitor Referral Service

The QLS operates a solicitor referral service for members to help connect individuals seeking legal assistance. The purpose of this service is to assist members to find new clients and to match the clients need with the appropriate expertise in law.

The Solicitor Referral Service is very popular among the community. In 2010-11 the QLS received over 26,000 telephone enquiries and over 19,000 searches on QLS's online find a solicitor referral service.

The eligibility criteria for inclusion on the solicitor referral service are:

- a member of the QLS
- practised as a solicitor for five consecutive years*
- a solicitor who has been found guilty of professional misconduct, or unsatisfactory professional conduct, by a disciplinary body cannot be on the list until a period of 10 years has elapsed from the date of the finding*

*For further information please contact the QLS

Application form

To apply and list on solicitor referral service applicants are required to complete this form. Applicants are required to:

1. nominate no more than three areas of law
2. state the bases upon which the practitioner claims to have a substantial involvement in the nominated areas of law
3. provide the names of two referees who are practising practitioners or members of the Bar (other than clients, partners or employees of the practitioner's firm) who can provide information as to the practitioner's experience and competence in the particular areas of law
4. agree not to advertise that their name appears on the Society's solicitor referral service.

The Society reserves the right, to:

- refuse any application
- remove any practitioner from the solicitor referral service for good cause
- take into account matters such as complaints history and any other matters of concern when considering applications, or determining whether a practitioner should remain on the list
- ask a practitioner to provide further information in support of their application
- contact the referees nominated by the practitioner to obtain relevant information.

The Society acknowledges that it is a practitioner's right to determine whether they will enter into a retainer with any person referred by the Society.

Enquiries should be directed to info@qls.com.au or phone 1300 367 757.