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The Attorney General maintains (by means of an open advertisement and application process) four panels of junior Counsel to undertake civil and EU work for all Government departments. He has three London Panels and a Regional Panel.

The size of each panel is determined by need. Although appointment to any of the Panels cannot be a guarantee that work will be available, it is intended that each advocate appointed should be given at least a minimum amount of work, and a monitoring process is in place for this purpose. In order to increase the opportunity for appointment or promotion within the panels, appointments will be for a limited period, with the possibility of renewal at the end of that period. The performance of each individual member of the Panels is also monitored.

The Attorney General's London Panels undertake civil work for all government departments. Membership of the panels is open to both barristers and solicitors with the right qualifications. Advocates must have a London practice address and a tenancy (barristers) or a higher court advocacy qualification (solicitors). Applicants for the C Panel usually have between two and five years' experience in actual practice (from end of 2nd six months' pupillage for barristers, date of commencement of advocacy for solicitors); for the B Panel between five and ten years; and for the A Panel over ten years. There is a particular need for advocates with knowledge of both criminal and public law.

London competitions are usually advertised in early October with a closing date in mid to late November. Application packs can be downloaded from the website or obtained by e-mailing Hayley.Devine@tsol.qsi.gov.uk.

The Regional panel was last advertised in June 2002 and again in May 2007.