

Presiding Justice of the Peace recruitment

Government is seeking to appoint Presiding Justices of the Peace. Presiding Justices of the Peace may, subject to the *Justice of the Peace Act* and Regulations, deal with all matters prescribed to a justice of the peace in the Criminal Code and the *Summary Proceedings Act*.

For example, Presiding Justices of the Peace preside over trials relating to motor vehicle matters, summary offence ticket matters and peace bond applications and trials. At the Justice of the Peace Centre, Presiding Justices of the Peace hear emergency protection order applications under the *Domestic Violence Intervention Act* and deal with various matters prescribed to a justice of the peace in the Criminal Code. Duty rosters established by the Chief Judge of the Provincial and Family Court evening and weekend assignments. The application deadline is July 12, 2024.

Eligibility

To apply to be a Presiding Justice of the Peace, you must:

- be a lawyer with no less than 5 years standing with a Barristers Society in Canada.
- not currently practice criminal or family law.

Selection criteria

The selection committee will review applications for the following criteria. Shortlisted candidates will be interviewed.

Personal characteristics, including respect for the essential dignity of all persons regardless of their circumstances and a reputation for integrity and fairness. Not involved in serious, unresolved professional complaints, civil actions or outstanding financial claims such as unpaid taxes or insolvency proceedings.

Candidates must be in good standing with a Barristers' Society and consent to have the Barristers Society release information about their status, discipline record and any outstanding complaints, and agree to submit a criminal record check.

Intellectual and judgment ability, including the ability to be fair and open-minded, patient, and able to make decisions promptly.

Professional excellence, including a high level of professional achievement in area(s) of legal work in which the candidate has been engaged and good writing and communication skills.

Community awareness and understanding, including a commitment to public service (volunteer record), awareness of the interest in knowing more about the social problems which give rise to cases coming before the courts and sensitivity to changes in social values relating to criminal and family matters.

Diversity

We encourage application from Indigenous people, African Nova Scotians, other racially visible people, persons with disabilities, women and other employment equity groups. Candidates are encouraged to self-identify as bilingual.

How to apply

To apply to be considered for appointment as a Presiding Justice of the Peace, please send three copies of each of the following: your resume, a covering letter stating why you are interested, your credentials and certifications, and 2 reference letters (including at least 1 professional reference) to the attention of Tanya Pellow at the address or email below. Shortlisted candidates will be contacted to schedule an interview.

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