

Expressions of Interest from the Legal Advice Sector

The Administrative Justice Council ("the Council") invites expressions of interest from legal advice professionals with experience of administrative justice to join the Council.

The Administrative Justice Council

The Council is an independent, non-statutory body responsible for overseeing the administrative justice system in the United Kingdom. Chaired by the Senior President of Tribunals, Lord Justice Dingemans, the Council works to improve access to justice and to promote fairness, effectiveness, and efficiency within the system.

In pursuit of these aims, the Council:

- keeps the administrative justice system under review;
- brings together those involved in delivering and shaping administrative justice to exchange information and ideas;
- identifies areas where further research or evidence is needed to better understand issues affecting the administrative justice system;
- undertakes thematic inquiries, ensuring that the experiences of those who use the system inform its work;
- advises government departments and the judiciary on its findings and makes recommendations for improvement; and
- shares learning and examples of good practice across the UK.

Council membership includes judicial office holders, senior civil servants working in administrative justice policy and operations, and public service ombudsmen from across the UK, alongside individuals from legal professional bodies, the advice sector, user advocacy groups, and academia.

Role description

Following the departure of a long-serving member, the Council is seeking an individual from the legal advice sector to fill the vacancy and invites expressions of interest from suitably qualified candidates.

Members of the Council are expected to:

- attend and contribute to the Council's twice-yearly meetings;
- share knowledge, expertise, and examples of good practice relating to administrative justice;
- contribute to the Council's responses to consultations;
- contribute to the thematic inquiries undertaken by the Council's Working Groups; and
- act as ambassadors for the Council by promoting its work within their professional networks and helping to strengthen links with relevant stakeholders.

The core commitment is approximately four days per year, including preparation for and attendance at Council meetings, as well as contribution to at least one thematic Working Group. Additional work may include leading consultation responses and participating in workshops, roundtables, and other engagement activities.

Appointments are for a three-year term and may be renewed once, for a maximum of two terms. This is an unremunerated role.

In return, members have a unique opportunity to influence the development of the administrative justice system and improve the way it serves the public.

Essential criteria

Applicants must demonstrate:

- experience of providing legal advice to users of the administrative justice system;
- a good understanding of the administrative justice system and the needs of its users;
- excellent communication skills and the ability to bring the perspectives of a sector, organisation or area of expertise to the Council's work; and
- experience of sitting on a senior board, committee, or equivalent governance body.

How to apply

To apply, please submit your expression of interest by email to AJC@judiciary.uk, using "Recruitment – Council EOI" as the subject line.

Expressions of interest should comprise the following documents, both submitted in PDF format:

- a statement of no more than 1,000 words setting out your interest in the role, relevant experience, and how you meet the essential criteria; and
- a current CV.

Applications should be submitted before 09:00 on the 30th of October 2026.

If you would like further information about the role or the work of the Council, please contact Heddwen Daniel, Secretary to the Council, at AJC@judiciary.uk.