



## NOMINATION OF CANDIDATE FOR FELLOWSHIP OF THE AUSTRALIAN ACADEMY OF LAW

Nominations should be forwarded to the [AAL Secretariat](#) by 31 August each year.

The AAL expects to elect new Fellows by the end of each calendar year.

### *INTRODUCTION*

It is important that each Fellow considers from time to time other persons of exceptional distinction in the discipline of law who are suitable for nomination as a Fellow. Each Fellow is encouraged to look broadly to nominate candidates and to consider candidates from diverse backgrounds. Without limiting the content of diversity, the AAL is seeking to be gender diverse, ethnically diverse and to include lawyers with or from different backgrounds.

The nomination process is confidential in the sense that the nominee should not be involved, so as to avoid any disappointment if a nomination is unsuccessful.

### *BASIS OF QUALIFICATION TO BE ELECTED A FELLOW*

Please provide a statement (suggested word limit 300) on the candidate's qualifications for election. The short citation should show why the candidate is eminent as an academic, or a judicial officer or as a legal practitioner. These fields are of course not mutually exclusive.

All nominations should have a seconder who should provide a substantive endorsement rather than a one line "I agree".

Clause 6 of the AAL's Constitution states that the eligibility criteria are that the person is "of exceptional distinction in the discipline of law" and is "demonstrably committed to the objects of the Academy".

Consistently with the AAL's objective of providing a "bridge" between the three areas of academia, the judiciary and the practising profession, these criteria may be met in different ways, depending on whether the candidate's distinction stems from their core work as an academic, or as a judicial officer or as a legal practitioner.

For example, it would not be expected that a legal practitioner who is not or is no longer an academic would have a list of publications or research as extensive as an academic's.

But it would be expected that a distinguished lawyer would show a contribution beyond the work involved in their official or formal work.

For practising lawyers, contribution to the activities of a professional or regulatory body will be given weight, as would also presentations and instruction, whether to members of the profession or to students, and publications in legal journals.

Similarly, for judicial officers, it would not be expected that a judge would necessarily have a list of publications or research, but it would be expected that a judge would have contributed beyond their official duties, for example by papers, participation in professional discussions, law reform, mentorship et cetera.

Academic nominees would also be expected to have gone beyond their formal responsibilities, for example by way of impact or engagement outside pure academia.

Career position / office / title is relevant but not decisive when it comes to meeting the relevant criteria; eg merely because a person is a judge or a KC/SC or a professor is relevant but not determinative; likewise, there are those who do not carry such titles who might be otherwise eminently qualified to be Fellow.

The relevant objects of the Academy are to:

- Advance the discipline of law;
- Promote excellence in legal scholarship, research, education, and the administration of justice;
- Promote law reform;
- Promote ethical conduct and professional responsibility;
- Enhance the understanding and observance of the rule of law;
- Provide a forum for collaboration and constructive debate amongst all branches of the legal community.

PLEASE COMPLETE THE SECTIONS BELOW IN SUPPORT OF THE NOMINATION:

**NOMINATED BY**

Name	
Current job title/position	
Email Address	
Mobile Number (or landline)	
Current AAL Fellowship	<input type="checkbox"/> Life Fellow <input type="checkbox"/> Fellow <input type="checkbox"/> Overseas Fellow

**SECONDED BY**

Name	
Current job title/position	
Email Address	
Mobile Number (or landline)	
Current AAL Fellowship	<input type="checkbox"/> Life Fellow <input type="checkbox"/> Fellow <input type="checkbox"/> Overseas Fellow

**NOMINEE'S PARTICULARS**

Title, Given name/s and Surname	
Gender/preferred mode of address (male; female; non-binary; prefer not to answer)	
Email Address	
Mobile Number (or landline)	
Country/State/Territory of residence	
Post-nominals (including formal qualifications and any other academy memberships)	

Current job title/position	
Highest academic qualification	
Brief career history, if available	

Please provide, where relevant, information and reference to:

- Contribution to the activities of a relevant professional or regulatory body, presentations and instruction, whether to members of the profession or to students, and publications in legal journals

- Teaching and mentoring, including research supervision; and academic and research leadership

- Participation in professional societies, journal refereeing, editorial boards, public lectures, national and international committees etc

- For academics, any research grants

- Conference or seminar presentations

**DOCUMENTATION IN SUPPORT OF NOMINATION**

<input type="checkbox"/>	<p><b>Statement by Nominator</b></p> <p>Please provide a statement (suggested word limit 300) on the candidate's qualifications for election. The short citation should show why the candidate is eminent as an academic, or a judicial officer or as a legal practitioner.</p>
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<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Statement by Seconder</b> All nominations should have a seconder who should provide a substantive endorsement rather than a one line “I agree” (suggested word limit 300).
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>CV of Nominee</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>List of Publications (if applicable)</b>