

DIRECT BRIEFING FOR IN-HOUSE COUNSEL

The barristers at Level Twenty Seven Chambers regularly deliver high quality legal services to in-house lawyers, in both a timely and cost-effective manner. The ability to engage barristers directly offers significant advantages to in-house counsel for general advisory work, pre-litigation strategy and, where suitable, some court appearances.

We strive to make the process of instructing a barrister at Level Twenty Seven Chambers simple and straightforward. This guide provides some practical tips about how our barristers can be briefed directly by in-house lawyers.

FINDING THE RIGHT BARRISTER

We encourage you to contact our Practice Manager, Daniel Perry, in relation to our barristers' suitability and availability for any matter in which you require assistance. Daniel has more than 20 years' experience working at leading commercial chambers in London and Brisbane. He is both knowledgeable and frank in his appraisal of our barristers' availability and has access to the diaries and hourly/daily rates of all barristers in Chambers, to ensure he can respond swiftly and effectively.

In addition, the 'Areas of Practice' pages of our website also provides details for the expertise of our barristers, and professional experience, including cases in which they have appeared.

BRIEFING OUR BARRISTERS

We recognise there are significant demands and acute time pressures placed on in-house counsel. A hard copy brief is always preferable. However, we realise that it is not always possible to provide a barrister with a hard copy brief along with a comprehensive set of instructions when advice is sought. That should not prevent you from seeking our assistance.

A brief and supporting documentation can be provided electronically to Daniel Perry on the email address below. Ideally, your email should include all documents relevant to the issues, and a summary of the matter and a list of questions or issues that you would like the barrister to consider. This information can be provided in the body of an email, rather than supplied in formal brief fashion, if it is more convenient to you. We can assist with the printing, formulation and pagination of the papers for the barrister here in chambers.

Shortly after receiving the brief, a costs agreement and disclosure of costs will be forwarded on behalf of the barrister, which will set out the rates to be charged, how invoices are to be rendered and, where the barrister is able to do so, an estimate of costs for the work they have been instructed to undertake.

FURTHER INFORMATION

If you have any queries regarding the process of direct briefing to our barristers, or wish to discuss any other matter with which we can assist, please feel free to contact Daniel Perry on <u>daniel.perry@qldbar.asn.au</u> or **(07) 3210 2680**. For urgent queries outside of usual business hours, he can be contacted on **0438 762 602**.

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