



Key Judicial Bodies

Our Speakers

- **Danielle Bosman**
 - District Court
 - Judge Chapman – Criminal Trials
- **Isabelle Mickan**
 - Supreme Court
 - Justice Lovell – Criminal Court of Appeal
- **Flyn Wells**
 - Federal Court
 - Justice Besanko

Supreme Court

District Court

Magistrates Court

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Associateship Seminar

Thank you for taking an interest in this seminar, and reading this brochure. We hope that this information helped you.
Best of luck!

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What is a Judges Associateship?

A position as a Judge's Associate is a unique opportunity to see the inside workings of the judiciary. Associates generally undertake a 1-2 year contract where they work alongside a Judge, assisting them in a range of ways. The role consists of preparing a sitting Judge for court, managing case files, undertaking legal research and assisting in judgment writing. An associate also acts as a point of contact between counsel and Judge.

Which courts take Associates in SA?

Each Judge in the Federal Court, Supreme Court and District Court have their own Associate and generally a personal assistant. However, some Judge's may have two Associates instead. In the Magistrates Court and Tribunals, Associates are shared amongst a few Judges. This makes working in a team a crucial skill for an Associate!

The Interview

As Associates work with their Judge closely every day, making sure it is the right fit is crucial. This usually will be determined by the interview. To prepare well applicants should:

- Consider what you want from your career and why;
- Be able to explain your experiences from your resume in detail and how they are applicable to being an Associate;
- Have a strong understanding and interest in the area of law that the Judge works in.



Azaara Perakath,
Associate to the Honourable Justice Blue
in the Supreme Court of South Australia

"The opportunity to observe leading barristers and solicitors on a daily basis, and to work so closely with some of the most eminent minds in the profession, is unparalleled."

How to obtain a position?

The recruitment process differs depending on which Court you are applying for. For the **Supreme Court** and **Federal Court**, applicants should personally address their preferred Judge by emailing them a cover letter, CV and academic record directly to their chambers. In the **Magistrate** and **District Court**, applicants enter a general recruitment pool and will be notified if a position comes up. The Family Court generally advertise through their website. Applying 1-2 years in advance is crucial. Other states also take on Judge's Associateship roles and all relevant information for applications can be found on the specific courts website.

The position does not require GDLP to have been completed, and depending on your role, you may even be able to claim GDLP hours throughout your time as an Associate. Although most Associates seek to obtain their position as soon as they have graduated, this is not a requirement. Some Associates have worked in the legal profession for a few years before commencing in their role.