



## KING'S COUNSEL APPOINTMENTS 2026

The King's Counsel Selection Panel invites applications from advocates with rights of audience in England and Wales who believe they meet the competency requirements to a standard of excellence. Solicitors who hold rights of audience in the higher courts and employed barristers are eligible, as well as barristers in independent practice.

All applications will be considered against a defined set of competencies related to:

- Understanding and using the law
- Written and oral advocacy
- Working with others
- Diversity Action and Understanding
- Integrity

All applications must be on the required form and accompanied by a fee of £2,730 (£2,275 + VAT) except for those entitled to claim the concessionary fee for applicants with incomes below £90,000 a year. The concessionary fee is £1,365 (£1,137.50 plus VAT). The on-line application form will be available from **Thursday 12 March 2026**. For further information please visit [www.kcappointments.org](http://www.kcappointments.org)

For all other enquiries please call the King's Counsel Appointments Secretariat on **020 7831 0020** or email **Applications@kcappointments.org** Applications must be received by no later than **5pm on Friday 24 April 2026**.

The King's Counsel Selection Panel is independent of Government and of the professional bodies. The Panel is committed to equality of opportunity in the appointments process for King's Counsel. Applicants who meet the standard of excellence required of King's Counsel will be recommended for appointment on merit, regardless of any personal or legally protected characteristic or any other extraneous factors.