

## **IAFL Admissions Supplementary Information for Asia Pacific Chapter Admissions**

An applicant may have been practicing in the jurisdiction in which they seek admission for less than 10 years, but they must have been practicing as a lawyer for 10+ years;

The criteria of “most experienced and skilled family law practitioners in the jurisdiction in which you practice” will be considered with regards to the applicant’s area of practice. The outcome of this enquiry will vary from jurisdiction to jurisdiction. An applicant might readily meet the standard in a jurisdiction where there are few family law practitioners, but may not meet the requisite standard in their own jurisdiction. The onus to satisfy this requirement will be more stringent for practitioners in Australia, Hong Kong and Singapore.

Please include the information if you are subject to rankings in directories such as Doyles Guide, Chambers, Legal 500, Best Lawyers;

Please include the information if you are from a jurisdiction that has a specialist accreditation in family law and you hold the accreditation;

For the purposes of clarity, “peers” does not include practitioners with a “conflict of interest”. If you are a solicitor, “peers” may include barristers who accept your briefs and undertake your work;

If an applicant has been the lead practitioner in reported family law cases with international elements, they should provide the citations for those cases;

The Admissions Committee appreciates the difficulty for applicants who come from jurisdictions where there is currently no representation or under representation of fellows within the IAFL to provide credible domestic references. Nevertheless, an applicant should provide as much information as possible to substantiate how they meet the criteria;

If an applicant is the first or one of a small number of family law practitioners from a particular jurisdiction to seek fellowship of the IAFL, the Admissions Committee will carefully scrutinize the application and may obtain collateral evidence and make independent enquiry about the applicant’s suitability as a part of the process of determining the application;

The practice of family law can differ from jurisdiction to jurisdiction, please address in your application what constitutes family law in your jurisdiction.