



IAFL Supplementary Information for Non Chapter Admissions

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

The Non Chapter Admissions Committee recognizes that applicants may not solely practice family law or may not primarily practice family law, but the applicant must have extensive family law experience;

For applicants from a jurisdiction where there are no IAFL Fellows, the Committee would expect two domestic references;

If an applicant is, for whatever reason, unable to provide domestic family law references, applicants should provide additional information on cases in which they have acted and/or have reported decisions in family law matters;

References must speak to the applicant's work, not just their general profile/standing (e.g., authorship of articles, receipt of awards and general profile-raising activities are insufficient);

Significant weight is given to views of local IAFL fellows and contacts of IAFL fellows who know the local market;

Committee expects a minimum of one international reference, and when the international references are not from IAFL fellows, they would prefer more than one;

Where the breadth of an applicant's international family law experience is unclear in their application, if a locally based IAFL fellow has vouched the applicant, this is given significant weight.

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.