

Dear LAG Member

I am very pleased to announce that after a very long process to achieve the acceptance by the LAA of our status as Costs Lawyers being satisfactory the LAA have accepted our application for Costs Lawyers to be qualified to make application to become LAA Independent Costs Assessors.

The link to the relevant page to check out the application process for those of you who would like to apply is <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/apply-to-legal-aid-appeals-panel>

This is another example of the benefit of acquiring Costs Lawyer status and I hope that some of our members will take the opportunity to apply and undertake this important role that we so often see but know relatively little about. It is further confirmation that our qualification is equivalent to that of a solicitor or barrister and the ACL members should be rightly proud of this moment of recognition.

Kind regards

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