



## APPLICATION AND AGREEMENT TO BE AN IRO APPROVED BARRISTER

This document is for an Australian legal practitioner to be approved as a legal service provider to the Independent Review Officer.

### BARRISTER DETAILS

FULL NAME			
CHAMBERS			
CHAMBERS STREET ADDRESS			
ABN			
PRACTISING CERTIFICATE NUMBER		BAR ASSOCIATION STATE / TERRITORY	
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I apply to become an IRO Approved Barrister.

I warrant that matters pertaining to the rights and entitlements of injured workers to workers compensation in the New South Wales workers compensation scheme are within my capacity, skill and experience.

I have signed the Agreement with the IRO.

The Agreement applies to all matters where a grant of ILARS funding is made to an IRO Approved Lawyer to provide legal advice, assistance and representation to an injured worker.

I agree to be bound by the terms and conditions set out in the Agreement.

SIGNED \_\_\_\_\_

DATED \_\_\_\_\_

For IRO USE Only			
Allocated Reference Number		Date approved	/ /20

# AGREEMENT FOR THE PROVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES AS AN IRO APPROVED BARRISTER IN THE NSW WORKERS COMPENSATION SCHEME

This Agreement is made on the ..... day of .....20.....

between the Independent Review Officer

and ..... (the Barrister)

1. The IRO has established a list of Approved Barristers which is published on the IRO Website.
2. The IRO has established a list of Approved Lawyers who are Australian legal practitioners practising as solicitors approved by the IRO to receive funding to provide legal services to injured workers in respect of workers compensation matters under the *Workers Compensation Act 1987 (NSW)* and the *Workplace Injury Management and Workers Compensation Act 1988 (NSW)* (the NSW workers compensation legislation).
3. Barristers on the list of Approved Barristers are Australian legal practitioners approved by the IRO to receive payment for legal services either directly or under a brief from an Approved Lawyer in relation to a matter the subject of an IRO grant of funding.
4. The Barrister has applied to become an Approved Barrister and the IRO has approved that application. The legal practitioner will be referred to as the Barrister in this Agreement.
5. This Agreement starts on the date of its execution by the Independent Review Officer and continues until the Barrister withdraws from or is removed from the list of Approved Barristers.
6. The Barrister may request to be removed from the list of Approved Barristers.
7. The IRO may publish the Barrister's name, Chambers, business address, email address and telephone number on the list of Approved Barristers that appears on the IRO website. The IRO may also publish this information in any other form that the IRO considers appropriate.
8. The Barrister may promote their status as a IRO Approved Barrister.
9. The IRO may refer Approved Lawyers to the list of Approved Barristers maintained on the IRO website to select an Approved Barrister.
10. The Barrister will accept briefs from IRO Approved Lawyers to:
  - a. give legal advice,
  - b. appear as an advocate,
  - c. represent a client in a teleconference, conference, hearing or other method of alternative dispute resolution,
  - d. negotiate for a client with an opponent to compromise a case,
  - e. prepare or advise on documents to be used by a client or by others in relation to the client's case
  - f. carry out any other work properly incidental to the kinds of work referred to above, or such other work as is from time to time commonly carried out by barristers in relation to work required under an IRO ILARS grant of funding.
11. The Barrister acknowledges and agrees to be bound by the fees for Counsel set by IRO in

the Disbursements Schedule in the ILARS Funding Guidelines for all work performed.

12. The Barrister will maintain a current practising certificate issued by the NSW Bar Association or interstate equivalent, without any condition, restriction or qualification that would limit or restrict the Barrister's capacity to accept briefs from Approved Lawyers or directly from injured workers.
13. Comply with the provisions of the *Legal Profession Uniform Conduct (Barristers) Rules 2015* (as amended from time to time).
14. Comply with any rule, guideline, Procedural Direction, e-bulletins, or other document issued by the Personal Injury Commission that sets expectations in relation to conduct of hearings, including commencement times, appearances, briefing and client conferences.
15. Notify the IRO immediately in writing of any criminal charges (except in relation to minor traffic offences), bankruptcy or professional disciplinary proceedings commenced against the Barrister.
16. Notify the IRO immediately in writing if the Barrister ceases to hold a current practising certificate during the term of this Agreement or if, as a consequence of disciplinary proceedings, the Barrister is prevented from practising as a barrister.
17. Immediately cease to provide legal services to Approved Lawyers where the Barrister ceases to hold a current practising certificate during the term of this Agreement or if, as a consequence of disciplinary proceedings the Barrister is prevented from practising as a barrister.

Signed by [Print Barrister name] )

in the presence of: )

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[Print witness name]

Signed by the Independent Review Officer )

in the presence of: )

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Jeffrey Gabriel

**Acting Independent Review Officer**