

Board Selection Criteria

Agency, Board or Commission		Nova Scotia Legal Aid Commission
1	Statute	C. 252 of the RSNS, 1989, the Legal Aid Act
2	Purpose	The Commission is responsible for all matters relating to legal aid in the Province and has all powers and shall perform all the duties conferred and imposed upon it by the Legal Aid Act, any other Act, the Governor in Council or the Minister of Justice.
3	Functions	To ensure that persons who are unable financially to present their cases are represented before all courts in the province.
4	Composition	<p>Consists of 15 appointed by Governor in Council on the recommendation of the Minister and two persons in the Public Service designated by the Minister of Justice. (7 of the Governor in Council appointees are nominated to the Minister of Justice as directors by the Council of the Nova Scotia Barristers Society.)</p> <p>Directors may include persons in public service and persons who hold an office or appointment pursuant to any act of either Federal or the Provincial governments. The directors may be full-time or part-time at the decision of the Governor in Council. (See Section 3 of Act)</p> <p>One Director is appointed Chair.</p>
5	Formal Qualifications	
6	Work & Experience Requirements	
7	Skills Required	Familiarity with legal aid matters or law firm matters and the ability to determine appeals under the Legal Aid Act.

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9	Term of Appointment	3 year term; may be reappointed
10	Remuneration	<p>Chair: \$300.00 per meeting + expenses</p> <p>Members: \$150.00 per meeting + expenses (to max. of \$600.00 per fiscal year)</p>
11	Anticipated Time Commitments	Meet 4 times per year in Halifax (full day meetings)
12	Other Notes	