

Young Amicus Curiae Scheme 2020
Information Note

The Supreme Court would like to invite new applications from advocates and solicitors for the Young *Amicus Curiae* Scheme 2020 (“the Scheme”).

2. The objective of the Scheme is to allow young advocates and solicitors to assist the Court on novel points of law or important issues of public policy. Young *amicus* appointed under the Scheme may also be called upon to assist the Court in cases involving first-time prosecutions under new or amended provisions of the law.

3. The Scheme provides valuable opportunities for young advocates to hone their skills as advocates before the High Court and the State Courts. It also presents the young *amicus* with opportunities to assist the Court in cases involving novel or cutting-edge issues of law.

4. The Scheme applies to matters in the High Court and the State Courts. The Scheme will be administered by the Supreme Court Registry and all appointments are for a one-year period. The young *amicus* will not receive any remuneration or be reimbursed for any expenses incurred under the Scheme.

5. The criteria for appointment (commencing 1 January 2020) under the Scheme are as follows:

- a) the applicant should possess good academic grades;
- b) the applicant must be a qualified person (as defined in section 2 of the Legal Profession Act (Cap 161, 2009 Rev Ed)); and
- c) the applicant must have no less than two years of experience:
 - (i) as an advocate and solicitor; or
 - (ii) as a Legal Service Officer.

Further, not more than seven years must have elapsed from the applicant becoming a qualified person, as at the point of commencement of the Young *Amicus Curiae* term.

6. Applications for appointment under the Scheme must be supported by a recommendation from one or more of the following persons (stating specifically that the applicant is recommended for the Scheme):

- a) a present High Court Judge;
- b) an advocate and solicitor of at least ten years’ experience; or
- c) a Legal Service Officer of at least ten years’ experience.

Additionally, the applicant must submit a piece of written work (including but not limited to submissions or academic articles) for assessing the applicant’s skills in legal analysis.

7. Please click [here](#) to download a copy of the application form. The completed application form with all enclosures may be sent via email to SUPCOURT.Criminal.Matters@supcourt.gov.sg in the form of a portable document format

(PDF) file or to the Supreme Court Registry (Crime Section) in hardcopy. The subject of the email or the envelope should be marked “Young *Amicus Curiae* Scheme 2020 Application”. The deadline for receipt of applications is **4 October 2019**. Successful candidates will be notified by the Supreme Court.