



## SUPREME COURT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

# SUPREME COURT ASSOCIATESHIPS

Salary: Level 2.4 under the *Public Sector CSA Agreement 2024*

Applications are invited for a number of positions as personal staff to Judicial Officers at the Supreme Court of Western Australia.

The length of tenure is indicated in the application guidelines for each chambers. Each position commences in January 2027 (unless otherwise indicated).

**Successful applicants must be available to commence on Monday 4 January 2027.**

Prospective applicants should possess the following attributes:

- A law degree, or nearly completed law degree;
- A high level of academic achievement (Honours or equivalent is desirable, but not essential);
- High-level research and analytical skills;
- Excellent verbal, interpersonal and written communication skills; and
- Editorial skills are an advantage.

The successful applicant will be required to undertake legal research and produce written work for a Judge. There are also requirements to carry out administrative functions in preparation for Court sittings and to attend in Court and act as a Judicial Support Officer.

Service in this position may fulfil the work experience component of Practical Legal Training courses approved by the Legal Practice Board of Western Australia. Applicants should make their own enquiries in this regard. Applicants who have already been admitted to practice as a lawyer and would welcome the experience of working as an Associate are also encouraged to apply.

When considering whether this role is right for you, it is important to consider the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court. The Court deals with serious criminal offences, including homicide offences, as well as High Risk Serious Offenders. In the course of their duties, Associates will encounter materials (including but not limited to photographs, videos, written statements, and oral evidence) associated with these charges. This material may be confronting and/or distressing. The Court is committed to reducing exposure to these materials for staff wherever possible and the Department of Justice offers services and resources to support staff.

Applicants are encouraged to apply to more than one judge. Please see the Supreme Court website for information about the judges of the Supreme Court of Western Australia.

Applications should include a:

- covering letter;
- curriculum vitae; and
- current academic transcript (or a certified copy).

If your application is sent by email, please scan your academic transcript (or a certified copy). You may be required to bring the original if you are invited to attend an interview. Please send applications by email or post to the addresses outlined below.

**Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students and graduates are encouraged to apply.**

**APPLICATIONS CLOSE AT 12PM ON THURSDAY 23 APRIL 2026 (AWST)**  
(Late applications will not be considered)

## **HEAD OF JURISDICTION**

### **Associate to the Hon Chief Justice Quinlan**

Ms Melissa Perrin-Smith  
Principal Associate to the Hon Chief Justice Quinlan  
Supreme Court of Western Australia  
28 Barrack Street  
PERTH WA 6000

Email: Associate.Chief.Justice@justice.wa.gov.au  
Ph: (08) 9421 5395

**Please note:** This position is for a period of up to **24 months**. After 12 months, the successful applicant will become the Principal Associate to the Hon Chief Justice Quinlan.

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## **COURT OF APPEAL**

### **Associate to the Hon Justice of Appeal Vaughan**

Ms Paige Donaldson  
Associate to the Hon Justice of Appeal Vaughan  
Supreme Court of Western Australia  
Stirling Gardens  
Barrack Street  
PERTH WA 6000

Email: Associate.Justice.Vaughan@justice.wa.gov.au  
Ph: (08) 9421 5174

**Please note:** The Hon Justice Vaughan is seeking applications for **two** associate positions. One commencing 1 December 2026 for a period of up to **13 months** and one commencing 1 January 2027 for a period of up to **12 months**.

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### **Research Associate to the Hon Justice of Appeal Archer**

Ms Daisy Hannaford  
Associate to the Hon Justice of Appeal Archer  
Supreme Court of Western Australia  
Stirling Gardens  
Barrack Street  
PERTH WA 6000

Email: Associate.Justice.Archer@justice.wa.gov.au  
Ph: (08) 9421 5254

**Please note:** The Hon Justice Archer is seeking applications for **two** research associate positions. Commencing on 1 January 2027 and 1 July 2027. Applicants should indicate in their covering letter: whether they are interested in commencing in January 2027 or July 2027; and whether they are interested in a position of up to **12 months** or **18 months**.

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### **Associate to the Hon Justice of Appeal Seaward**

Ms Maria Ambrose  
Associate to the Hon Justice of Appeal Seaward  
Supreme Court of Western Australia  
Stirling Gardens  
Barrack Street  
PERTH WA 6000

Email: Associate.Justice.Seaward@justice.wa.gov.au  
Ph: (08) 9421 5342

**Please note:** This position is for a period of up to **12 months**, with the possibility to extend by a further **12 months**. Applicants should indicate in their covering letter whether they are interested in a position for **12** or **24 months**.

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## **GENERAL DIVISION**

### **Research Associate to the Hon Justice Hill**

Ms Kate Sterelny  
Associate to the Hon Justice Hill  
Supreme Court of Western Australia  
28 Barrack Street  
PERTH WA 6000

Email: Associate.Justice.Hill@justice.wa.gov.au  
Ph: (08) 9421 5179

**Please note:** This position is for a period of up to **24 months**. After 12 months, the successful applicant will become the Associate to the Hon Justice Hill.

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### **Associate to the Hon Justice Strk**

Ms Darcey Shepherd  
Associate to the Hon Justice Strk  
Supreme Court of Western Australia  
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PERTH WA 6000

Email: Associate.Justice.Strk@justice.wa.gov.au  
Ph: (08) 9421 5523

**Please note:** This position is for a period of up to **24 months**.

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**Associate to the Hon Justice Cobby**

Mr Lasantha Thiranagama  
Associate to the Hon Justice Cobby  
Supreme Court of Western Australia  
28 Barrack Street  
PERTH WA 6000

Email: Associate.Justice.Cobby@justice.wa.gov.au  
Ph: (08) 9421 5348

**Please note:** The Hon Justice Cobby is seeking applications for **two** associate positions. Each position is for a period of up to **12 months** but may be extended by **a further 12 months** by agreement.

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