SUPREME COURT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

ASSOCIATE TO THE HON JUSTICE SWEENEY

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

Applications are invited for the position as Associate to the Honourable Justice Sweeney at the Supreme Court of Western Australia, Court of Appeal.

The associateship will commence on 4 January 2027.

The advertised position is contracted to 31 December 2027, with the possibility of an extension for a further 12 months.

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, analytical and editorial skills;
- Excellent verbal, interpersonal and written communication skills.

The successful applicant will be required to undertake legal research and produce written work for the 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 are already admitted lawyers 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.

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. You may be required to bring the original if you are invited to attend an interview.

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

Please send application by email to:

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APPLICATIONS CLOSE AT 12.00 PM ON FRIDAY 23 OCTOBER 2026