

Inns Conduct Committee FAQ's

What is the role of the ICC?

The Inns' Conduct Committee (ICC) is the committee responsible for dealing with the misconduct of student members of all four Inns of Court. The committee is also responsible for considering applications for admission to an Inn, where details are disclosed which might affect an applicant or student being considered a fit and proper person to become a practising barrister. For further information Students/Applicants should refer to the ICC Rules and ICC Draft Guidelines.

How long does a Panel Hearing last and how many members does the Panel consist of?

An ICC Panel consists of two legal members of the ICC, and a Lay (non-lawyer) ICC member. Normally, a Panel Hearing lasts less than one hour but the length of time is determined by the circumstances.

What kind of questions do the Panel ask?

The Panel will principally be concerned to give the student/applicant the opportunity to tell them about the circumstances relating to any conviction/conduct which is the basis of the referral to the Panel. The student/applicant should be prepared to answer questions about those circumstances, and also questions which arise out of the documentation supplied to the Panel in preparation for the Hearing.

When will I know the result of the Panel's Hearing?

Within 14 days of the conclusion of the proceedings the Panel will produce a written report setting out its findings, the reasons for those findings and its decision. In some cases an indication as to the result of the determination may be given by the Panel on the day of the Hearing. The ICC Administrator is not able to divulge any indication or detail as to the outcome of the Hearing.

My offence was committed so long ago that I do not have any official documentation. What can I provide to the Panel instead?

The applicant/student will need to provide all correspondence indicating what steps they have taken to obtain appropriate documentation.

How should the Panel be addressed?

The general custom is for the Chair of the Hearing to be addressed as Madam or Sir, which will include reference to her/his colleagues as a matter of courtesy. The student/applicant may well be told this at the commencement of the Hearing, but if in doubt should feel free to ask for clarification.