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Notes to Scholarship Referees

Individuals applying for a scholarship from The Honourable Society of Gray's Inn are required to provide two references. At least 1 reference must be academic.

Scholarship references must be completed using the **Gray's Inn Online Scholarship** system. A link to the online scholarship system will be emailed directly to referees. Referees must therefore provide the applicant with their professional email address; we are unable to accept references linked to personal email accounts.

Referees:

- i.* must have known the candidate for at least twelve months (N.B. Not applicable to pupil supervisors)
- ii.* in an academic or professional capacity and
- iii.* must not have a close family or personal relationship with them.

The Inn considers a professional person or person of standing in the community to be one of the following (please note that referees must be *currently* working in one of these roles):

- Judge
- Magistrate
- Barrister
- Solicitor
- Member of Parliament
- Accountant
- Secondary school teacher
- Professor
- University lecturer
- Officer of the British armed forces
- Senior police officer
- Doctor (medical)
- Dentist
- Senior nurse
- Pharmacist

When completing a scholarship reference please ensure the following information is correct:

- Your full name
- Your job title
- Your professional address (including the name of the organisation for which you work)
- The name of the applicant
- The number of years you have known the applicant
- A description of how you know the applicant
- The date you completed the reference

We advise that referees express an opinion as to the candidate's performance/potential in relation to the 'general factors' the Inn applies when considering applications.

These general factors are:

- Intellectual ability: The ability to conduct legal research and give written advice, as demonstrated by performance in school and university examinations, the interview and, where appropriate, other experience
- Motivation to succeed at the Bar: Knowledge of the profession and the courts, and steps taken to acquire the personal skills required of a barrister, will be taken into account
- Potential as an advocate: Both in oral and written skills. This can include the applicant's experience in public speaking, mooting, debating, participation in mock advocacy exercises, etc.
- Personal qualities: The qualities required of members of the Bar include self-reliance, independence, integrity, reliability, and the capacity to work effectively with clients, colleagues and chamber's staff

Should you have any queries, please contact the Education Department via scholarships@graysinn.org.uk.

Many thanks for your assistance.