



2026 Associate Position

Federal Court of Australia (Perth Registry)

The Hon Justice Sam Vandongen invites applications for positions as an Associate in his chambers at the Federal Court of Australia (Perth Registry), commencing on 19 January 2026 for a period of 18 months.

Associates are employed as part of the Judge's personal chambers staff. The responsibility of an Associate is to provide operational, administrative and technical legal support to his Honour, both in chambers and in court. Associates liaise extensively with the legal profession, observe the work of advocates and the judiciary, and gain working knowledge of legal principles, processes and legislation.

The role has a wide variety of tasks and responsibilities, some of which include:

- preparation of correspondence and other communication required in the management of judicial chambers;
- liaising with internal and external stakeholders including other judicial officers, counsel, solicitors, other court staff, court users, registry officers and the public;
- assisting the judicial officer with the coordination and case management of matters and hearings;
- drafting, editing and proofreading orders and judgments;
- maintaining all relevant information in case management systems; and
- undertaking legal research.

Applicants should possess the following attributes:

- a law degree (completed as at January 2026);
- a strong record of academic achievement;
- a high level of organisation and administrative efficiency;
- strong research and analytical skills;
- excellent verbal, interpersonal and written communication skills; and
- editorial skills.

His Honour particularly encourages applications from persons who have an interest in litigation and advocacy.

Applications should include a curriculum vitae, an academic transcript and cover letter which addresses why the applicant would like to work as an Associate in the Federal Court, their interests and the attributes they believe they will bring to the position.

Applications close at 5.00 pm (AWST) on 5 November 2025.

Applications for this position should be submitted via email to both his Honour's Associate and Executive Assistant at:

associate.vandongenj@fedcourt.gov.au; ea.vandongenj@fedcourt.gov.au

Enquiries may be directed to his Honour's Associate at the above email address.

This is a full-time role at Level APS 5: \$84,228 per annum plus 15.4% superannuation.