

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF CONNECTICUT  
APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE CJA PANEL**

Please complete this application to be considered for membership in the Criminal Justice Act (CJA) Panel. If you would also like to be considered for the CJA Capital Panel, please complete the Supplementary Application for the CJA Capital Panel. You may also apply for the CJA Capital Panel alone, that is, without applying to join the regular CJA Panel. To do so, fill out only the Supplementary Application for the CJA Capital Panel.

**A. General Information**

1. Name:

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Last	First	Middle
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2. Office Address:

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Firm Name

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Street	City	State	Zip
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3. Contact Information:

Office Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cellular phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate your preferred telephone to receive calls from the Clerk's Office for the assignment of cases. (Select one below)

Cellular                       Office

4. Federal Bar Number: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Date Admitted to State of Connecticut Bar: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Date Admitted to the Bar of the United States District Court for the District of Connecticut: \_\_\_\_\_

7. Date Admitted to the Bar of the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit:

\_\_\_\_\_

8. Please list the Bars of all other Courts to which you have been admitted and the dates of your admission:

9. \_\_\_\_\_  
Are you in good standing in each court to which you have been admitted?

Yes

No

10. If the answer to No. 9 above is no, please explain:

\_\_\_\_\_

11. Please provide the name of the law school from which you received your JD and the date on which your JD was awarded:

Name of Law School: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of JD: \_\_\_\_\_

12. Please list any foreign languages in which you are fluent:

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## **B. Professional Experience**

1. Please complete the following for each professional employment held during the past 15 years (use additional sheets and duplicate this section, if necessary).

a. Employer, firm or agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_

Title or position you held (e.g., associate, partner, assistant public defender, assistant prosecutor):

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Dates of employment: \_\_\_\_\_

Duties:

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2. Indicate your **criminal trial experience** by providing approximate totals in the following categories. Please list only those matters in which you were counsel of record. Please specify as to each category the number of cases in which you were lead counsel (i.e., under Lead #, 5, 3, 0, etc.)

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Bench Trials				
Pleas & Sentencings				
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Other Court Hearings (e.g., evidentiary hearings on motions to suppress)				

3. How many of your criminal **JURY trials** required the jury to determine guilt or innocence of a felony charge? \_\_\_\_\_ In how many of those cases were you lead counsel? \_\_\_\_\_

4. Please indicate your **civil trial experience** by providing approximate totals in the following categories. Please include only those cases in which you were counsel of record. Specify as to each category the number of times in which you were lead counsel.

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5. Please list all the trials you have had in the past 5 years (attach additional sheets if necessary).

Court	Judge	Case Name	Docket No.	Year	Jury (y/n)	Lead (y/n)

6. Please provide the names and citations of any published decisions in which you were counsel of record:

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7. Please provide the names and citations of any published law-related articles that you have authored:

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8. If you have not tried two felony jury trials to verdict, what other relevant experience do you wish the CJA Standing Committee and the Board of Judges to consider in connection with your application?

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9. Why do you want to be on the CJA Panel?

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10. Are you Board Certified in any area of law?

Yes

No

If yes, in what area(s)?

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11. Have you been at any time or are you now a member of the CJA Panel for this or any other Court?

Yes

No

If yes, please state:

(a) Which Court(s):

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(b) Dates of membership:

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(c) Reason for leaving:

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12. Have you ever been removed from, or been asked to resign from, a CJA Panel? If so, please explain.
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15. Do you have any experience in the defense of death penalty cases?

Yes

No

If so, please describe.

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16. Do you have any experience in post-conviction death penalty cases?

Yes

No

If so, please describe.

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17. Do you have any experience in immigration matters?

Yes

No

If yes, please describe.

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18. Please list all criminal practice seminars or training programs you have attended in the past five years.

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19. Please describe briefly any other experience you have that bears upon your qualifications to serve as CJA counsel (e.g., teaching, training, bar activities)

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### C. References

Please provide the requested information for one judge, one prosecutor, and one defense attorney who are well-acquainted with your work and with your qualifications to be a CJA Panel member.

1. Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Address and Telephone Number:

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Under what circumstances have you known this reference?

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2. Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

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**D. Additional Questions**

1. Have you familiarized yourself with:

(a) Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure

Yes

No

(b) District of Connecticut Local Rules of Criminal Procedure

Yes

No

(c) Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure

Yes

No

(d) Second Circuit Local Rules of Appellate Procedure

Yes

No

(e) Federal Rules of Evidence

Yes

No

(f) United States Sentencing Guidelines

Yes

No

(g) Bail Reform Act

Yes

No



(h) The Criminal Justice Act (18 U.S.C. § 3006A)

Yes

No

(I) The CJA Plan for the District of Connecticut

Yes

No

2. Do you understand that there are compensation limits for appointed counsel under the Criminal Justice Act and that the Court is the final arbiter of payment of counsel?

Yes

No

3. Do you understand that by accepting appointment and becoming a member of the CJA Panel, you may be called upon to mentor new panel members without compensation for your time?

Yes

No

4. Do you understand that you are personally responsible for the representation of your client upon receiving a CJA appointment and that this responsibility cannot be delegated?

Yes

No

5. Do you understand that you will be expected to continue to represent a client on appeal when appropriate after having received a CJA appointment in the District Court?

Yes

No

I have read the foregoing application and certify that the information I have provided is true.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

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13. What experience do you have in criminal defense of capital cases?

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14. In how many capital cases have you been lead or learned counsel? Please identify the cases by name, jurisdiction and docket number.

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15. What training programs have you attended on criminal defense in capital cases? Please specify the names and dates of the programs.

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16. What experience do you have in post-conviction capital proceedings? Please list case names, jurisdictions, and docket numbers.

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17. Why do you want to be on the CJA Capital Panel?

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Date

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Signature

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Printed Name