



## **CJA PANEL APPLICATION**

(All applicants must attach a current copy of their resume denoting professional experience.)

### **1. GENERAL BACKGROUND**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Firm Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Office Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Office Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Home or Cellular Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Law School Attended: \_\_\_\_\_

Degree: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Awarded: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates of Bar Admission:

U.S.D.C. District of Vermont: \_\_\_\_\_ State of Vermont: \_\_\_\_\_

2nd Circuit Court of Appeals: \_\_\_\_\_ U.S. Supreme Court: \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please indicate your primary area of practice:**

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**Do you hold any public office or positions?** Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

If yes, please specify:

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**Please list any foreign languages in which you are fluent:**

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**I am applying for (choose only one):**

\_\_\_ Training Panel

\_\_\_ CJA Panel (new)

\_\_\_ CJA Panel (from Training Panel)

\_\_\_ CJA Panel (reappointment)

**I prefer assignment of cases in the following areas of Vermont:**

\_\_\_ Brattleboro

\_\_\_ Burlington

\_\_\_ Rutland

\_\_\_ No preference

## **2. PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**Please describe your experience with criminal practice, with particular attention to federal criminal practice:**

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**Please describe your commitment to providing criminal defense services to indigent clients.**

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**Please describe your experience and familiarity with the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, the Federal Rules of Evidence and the Sentencing Guidelines.**

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**Provide approximate numbers of criminal proceedings you have handled during the last five years in the following categories. Specify as to each category the number of cases in which you were lead counsel.**

	Federal	Lead #	State	Lead#
Jury Trials	_____	_____	_____	_____
Bench Trials	_____	_____	_____	_____
Pleas/Sentencings	_____	_____	_____	_____
Appeals	_____	_____	_____	_____
Other Evidentiary Hearings	_____	_____	_____	_____

**Provide approximate numbers of civil proceedings you have handled during the last five years in the following categories. Specify as to each category the number of cases in which you were lead counsel.**

	Federal	Lead #	State	Lead#
Jury Trials	_____	_____	_____	_____
Bench Trials	_____	_____	_____	_____
Depositions	_____	_____	_____	_____
Appeals	_____	_____	_____	_____
Other evidentiary hearings	_____	_____	_____	_____

**Please describe any other experience you believe is relevant to your application:**

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**For applicants to the Training Panel**

The CJA Training Panel Program Guidelines require that applicants for the CJA Training Panel have observed at least parts of three federal criminal cases.

**Describe how you have fulfilled this requirement, referring specifically to the names and dates of the cases you have observed, and the parts of the cases you have observed.**

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**3. CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION**

**For new applicants to CJA Panel:**

I have earned \_\_\_\_\_ continuing legal education credits in the areas of criminal practice and/or criminal defense work over the last five years (Note: The Criminal Justice Act Plan for the United States District of Vermont requires that each panel member earn not less than five continuing legal education credits annually in the areas of criminal practice and/or criminal defense work).

<u>Name of Course and Sponsoring Agency</u>	<u>Date Attended</u>	<u># of Credits</u>
_____	_____	_____
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**For applicants for re-appointment to CJA Panel:**

I \_\_\_ have \_\_\_ have not earned five continuing legal education credits annually in the areas of criminal practice and/or criminal defense work since my last appointment to the CJA panel.

<u>Name of Course and Sponsoring Agency</u>	<u>Date Attended</u>	<u># of Credits</u>
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If the answer to the above is negative, please describe any facts or extenuating circumstances you think are relevant to the Committee’s review of your application for re-appointment :

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**For applicants seeking to move from Training Panel to full CJA Panel:**

I \_\_\_ have \_\_\_ have not attended a minimum of two criminal practice training seminars, one of which specifically addressed the United States Sentencing Guidelines.

<u>Name of Course and Sponsoring Agency</u>	<u>Date Attended</u>	<u># of Credits</u>
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**For applicants to the Training Panel:**

I \_\_\_ have \_\_\_ have not attended a minimum of one training seminar in the last five years on the United States Sentencing Guidelines.

<u>Name of Course and Sponsoring Agency</u>	<u>Date Attended</u>	<u># of Credits</u>
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_____	_____	_____
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**4. CHARACTER AND ETHICS**

Have you ever been convicted of any crimes or violations, other than minor traffic infractions not involving damage to persons or property? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

Do you have any prior or pending disciplinary complaint(s) as to which a finding has been made that the complaint(s) should proceed to a hearing? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

Have you ever been denied admission to, been disciplined by, resigned from, surrendered your license to practice before, or withdrawn an application for admission to practice while facing a disciplinary complaint before, this court or any other court? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

