

**APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP IN
THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACT LEAD PANEL
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
for the EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI**

This application is to be completed by attorneys requesting to be members of the Lead Panel eligible to represent defendants under the provisions of the Criminal Justice Act (CJA), 18 U.S.C. § 3006A, in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri. The application is to be printed or typed.

PERSONAL:

1. Name: _____
Firm Name: _____
Office Address: _____

Office Telephone No: _____ Fax Number: _____
Home Telephone No: _____ EDMO Bar Roll No: _____
What is the best way to contact you in an emergency? _____

GENERAL INFORMATION:

2. I am a member of the bar of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri and am a member of good standing of that Court. I was admitted to practice before this Court on _____.
3. I have also been admitted to practice in the following Courts:
- | <u>Name of Court</u> | <u>Location</u> | <u>Date Admitted</u> |
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| _____ | _____ | _____ |
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4. Have you ever been disciplined by, or are you the subject of a pending disciplinary complaint before any bar association or court? Yes [] No [] If yes, explain.

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5. During the five years preceding this application, have you been arrested, summoned, charged or convicted of any criminal offense (excluding minor traffic infractions?)
Yes [] No [] If yes, explain.

6. I have been engaged in the active practice of law since _____.

7. Describe briefly the nature of your present practice, stating what percentage of your total practice involves the representation of criminal defendants.

8. Have you ever been employed as prosecutor, public defender, or law clerk to a judge?
Yes [] No [] If yes, please indicate the position, the name of the office or judge, and dates of employment.

9. List any Continuing Legal Education experience, either as a lecturer or participant in criminal or trial advocacy programs.

10. Please briefly describe any other activity or experience you have had which bears on your qualifications to serve as CJA counsel (i.e., other teaching, bar activities, writing).

11. Do you have any specialized legal training or expertise? Yes [] No []
If yes, please list (e.g., appellate work, immigration, accounting, tax, etc.).

PRIOR PANEL EXPERIENCE:

12. Has this Court ever appointed you pursuant to the CJA to represent a criminal defendant?
Yes [] No [] If yes, please list the name of the defendant and case number of the appointments you have received in the last three years below.

13. Have you at any time been a member of a CJA panel for any other court?
Yes [] No [] If yes, give the court and dates.

14. Have you ever been removed from any CJA panel or list? Yes [] No []
If yes, give particulars.

CRIMINAL TRIAL EXPERIENCE:

- 15. List criminal **trial** experience within the five (5) years preceding the application on attached sheet.
- 16. List additional criminal matters carried to final disposition in state or federal court (motion, habeas corpus, mandamus, plea of guilty or other disposition, etc.) on attached sheet.
- 17. List any federal judge before whom you have tried a criminal case. If less than three, list up to three state judges before whom you have tried a case.

List any other federal judges before whom you have practiced.

APPOINTMENT INFORMATION:

- 18. If you are selected as a member of the CJA Lead Panel, will you be willing to work with other attorneys seeking membership in the Lead Panel by acting as a proctor attorney and actively getting them involved in your CJA appointed case?
Yes [] No []
- 19. Do you understand that there are compensation limits for appointed counsel under the CJA and that the Court is the final arbiter of the payment of counsel?
Yes [] No []
- 20. Do you understand that you are personally responsible for the representation of your client upon receiving a CJA appointment and that the responsibility cannot be delegated?
Yes [] No []
- 21. If appointed, would you be available to represent defendants in an extended (exceeding one week) criminal trial? Yes [] No []
- 22. Would you be available for calls during non-office hours should there be an immediate need for an attorney to advise a defendant in custody? Yes [] No []
- 23. Are you available, on occasion, for on-the-spot arraignments on thirty minutes notice?
Yes [] No []
- 24. How many appointments would you like to receive annually? _____

25. State what languages other than English that you speak, to a degree that you are capable of representing a client who speaks only that language, without use of an interpreter.

26. If you are not selected for appointment to the CJA Lead Panel, should the panel selection committee designate you as a member of the Training Panel, which would be composed of attorneys less experienced in federal criminal practice who desire to gain experience by assisting Lead Panel or Federal Defender staff attorneys on their cases without compensation? Yes [] No []

27. Do you understand that placement on and involvement in the CJA Training Panel does not entitle you to membership on the CJA Lead Panel? Yes [] No []

28. If there is additional information of which the Court should be aware in considering your application but which has not been discussed above please provide that information here.

I have carefully read the foregoing application and certify that the information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

DATE