

**CJA PANEL ATTORNEY PROGRAM
EASTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE**

APPLICATION FOR

Regular **or** **Mentoring**

(Mark which one)

To be completed by attorneys seeking appointments to represent indigent defendants under the Criminal Justice Act (18 U.S.C. 3006A) in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Tennessee. Applicant must be admitted to practice in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Tennessee. **This is a fillable form. Do not handwrite. The application may not be accepted if it is handwritten. Please answer all questions.**

Name: _____ SS# or EIN # _____
(For Income Tax Purposes)

Firm (if applicable)/Names of attorneys with whom you share space: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Telephone No.: () _____ Cell No. () _____

Fax No.: () _____ E-Mail Address: _____

1. *Dates of Admission:* (a) State Court of Last Resort: _____
(b) Federal District Court, Eastern District of Tennessee: _____
(c) Other Federal Courts: _____

2. *For which CJA Panel do you wish to be considered:* Knoxville Greenville Chattanooga

Are you willing to take cases from other divisions? Yes No Which ? _____

Are you willing to take appeals? Yes No

3. *What is the nature of your current law practice:* _____ % Civil _____ % Criminal

4. *List any positions held within the Criminal Justice System:*

Employed full-time as a *Defender*: State Federal From: _____ To: _____

Employed full-time as a *Prosecutor*: State Federal From: _____ To: _____

Law School Criminal Clinical Experience: From: _____ To: _____

Judicial Clerkship: School: _____ From: _____ To: _____

Judge: _____ Court: _____

5. *Criminal Practice Experience:*

(a) *As a defense attorney, please provide:*

Number of Federal felony criminal case representations: _____ Date/Most Recent Case _____

Number of Federal felony criminal trials: (Jury) _____ (Non-Jury) _____ Date/Most Recent Trial _____

Number of State felony criminal trials: (Jury) _____ (Non-Jury) _____ Date/Most Recent Trial _____

CJA Panel Memberships (List courts and dates of service)

(b) *As a prosecutor, please provide:*

Number of Federal felony criminal case representations: _____ Date/Most Recent Case _____

Number of Federal felony criminal trials: (Jury) _____ (Non-Jury) _____ Date/Most Recent Trial _____

Number of State felony criminal trials: (Jury) _____ (Non-Jury) _____ Date/Most Recent Trial _____

6. *Federal Civil Practice Experience (explain briefly, numbers & types of cases):*

7. *Would you be willing to be a mentor to less experienced attorneys?* Yes No

8. *During the five years preceding this application, have you been arrested, summoned, charged or convicted of any criminal offense (excluding minor traffic violations)?* Yes No (If yes, please explain on an attached sheet.)

9. *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:*

10. *List any other Federal Judges before whom you have practiced:*

11. *List any seminars or workshops on criminal defense, criminal law, procedure, or evidence you have attended in the past two years:*

12. *Are you fluent in any foreign language (read/write)? If so, please indicate:*

13. *Do you have any specialized legal training or experience? If so, please list (e.g., appellate, immigration, accounting, tax, etc.):*

14. *Have you used dtSearch, Case Map, Trial Director or any program for handling large amounts of documents: If yes, which programs?* Yes No Programs:

15. *Do you have any experience with death penalty cases?* Yes No State Federal

16. *Would you be willing to handle appeals of cases tried by others or other post-conviction matters, such as Habeas and 2255 petitions and appeals?* Yes No Specify preference

17. *If appointed to the Panel, do you agree to accept at least two (2) cases per year, act as a mentor if asked, and participate in the pretrial interview to remain an active member of the Panel?* Yes No

18. *Please provide the names of three attorneys who are familiar with your work in criminal cases:*
 (1) _____
 (2) _____
 (3) _____

I recognize that acceptance of a criminal assignment means that my representation continues through the appeal to the Petition for Certiorari, if the client so desires and there is a meritorious issue. If appointed to the Panel, I personally, and not another member of my firm, will represent my client at all Federal Court proceedings. Further, I agree to: 1) attend three (3) hours of relevant CLE each year; 2) accept appointment to at least two (2) cases during a calendar year; and 3) act as a mentor if requested to do so.

I hereby certify that the above information is true.

Date: _____

Electronic Signature:

Please return completed application by email to: Sandy_Waggoner@fd.org
 or by mail to: Federal Defender Services, 800 S. Gay Street, Suite 2400, Knoxville, TN 37929