

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT



WESTERN DISTRICT OF ARKANSAS

PANEL ATTORNEY APPLICATION

This Application is to be completed by members in good standing of the Bar who wish to be considered for membership on the CJA Panel for the Western District of Arkansas for appointment to represent defendants in criminal cases. All applications will be reviewed by the Panel Selection Committee, which will then make a recommendation to the full Court regarding membership on the Panel. This process is intended to assure the highest possible level of representation for indigent defendants in federal court under the Criminal Justice Act. Membership on the CJA Panel(s) for the Western District of Arkansas is for a term of five years, after which time there will be another application process.

SUBMIT THIS APPLICATION TO:

heather_burns@arwd.uscourts.gov

or

Heather Burns, Interim Clerk of Court
U. S. District Court, Western District of Arkansas
Judge Isaac C. Parker Federal Building
30 South 6th Street Room 1038
Fort Smith, AR 72901-2437
479-783-6833

C. J. A. PANEL ATTORNEY APPLICATION

1. PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Name:

Age:

Office Address:

Office Phone:

Fax Number:

E-mail Address:

Arkansas Bar No.:

2. EDUCATION AND BAR ADMISSIONS:

Law Schools(s), degree(s), and date(s):

List all courts/jurisdictions in which you are licensed to practice law:

Jurisdiction or Court

Date Admitted

Are you a registered CM/ECF user with the federal district court?

Are you Board Certified in any area of law?

If so, in what state(s) and in what area(s) are you Board certified?

3. DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS:

Have you ever been disciplined, or are you the subject of any pending disciplinary action, by the Bar of any jurisdiction or by any Court? If so, please explain on a separate sheet what the discipline was and the nature of the conduct that led to it. Give the official title of the proceeding(s).

Excluding minor traffic offenses, have you ever been arrested, charged, or convicted for violation of any federal, state, municipal, or county law? If so, please give details.

Have you ever been treated for alcohol use or substance abuse? If so, please explain.

4. **CRIMINAL PRACTICE EXPERIENCE: (Include only cases as sole counsel):**
How many federal felony cases have you handled?
When was your most recent federal felony case?
How many federal criminal jury trials have you had?
When was your most recent federal criminal jury trial?
How many state felony cases have you handled?
When was your most recent state felony case?
How many state criminal jury trials have you had?
When was your most recent state criminal jury trial?
5. **CIVIL PRACTICE EXPERIENCE:**
How many civil cases have you tried to verdict in federal court?
How many civil cases have you tried to verdict in state court?
6. **C.J.A. EXPERIENCE:**
Have you previously been a member of the CJA Panel for this Court?
If so, please give dates and location(s):
- Have you been a member of the CJA Panel for any other Court?
If so, please give dates and location(s):
7. Are you bilingual? If so, in what language(s)

8. LAW PRACTICE:

Describe briefly the nature of your present law practice, including length of time, location of practice, and the types of cases you have handled:

List any federal judge before whom you have represented a criminal defendant:

List any federal judge before whom you have tried a civil case as sole counsel:

9. LEGAL REFERENCES:

List three lawyers who are familiar with your qualifications and legal skills:

Name and Phone No:

Address:

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10. Should the Court deem your experience insufficient to qualify you for membership on the CJA Panel at this time, would you be interested in participating in a one-year mentor program the Court is considering implementing to help less-experienced attorneys become qualified for membership on the Panel?

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above information is true and correct.

Date:

Signature: