

APPLICATION ANNOUNCEMENT

TO: Members of the District of Columbia Bar

DATE: July 3, 2008

FROM: Hon. Cheryl M. Long, Chairperson
CCAN Panels Oversight Subcommittee
Family Court

RE: Applications for Family Court Panels – 2008 Recruitment Process

This is to announce the commencement of the annual recruitment process for attorneys who wish to receive appointments to represent children, parents, and other individuals in neglect, juvenile, and PINS cases in the Superior Court Family Court. Through the same procedure, the Court is also recruiting attorneys to serve as Special Education Advocates, and in this regard the Court especially welcomes applications from attorneys who practice in Maryland as well as the District of Columbia. Attorneys who are already members of one or more panels may apply to additional panels. Those who are currently on the Provisional CCAN panel must file a new application for any panel for which they desire permanent status.

Applications are available on-line, through the D.C. Courts' website. The application form is located at <http://www.dccourts.gov/dccourts/superior/family/index.jsp>.

The deadline for submitting applications is **September 19, 2008**. All applications must be submitted electronically to CCANCJA@dcsc.gov, with an additional hard copy provided by the deadline to the Director of the CCAN Office at the Superior Court. The hard copy must include a signature. No applications will be accepted by any judge's chambers. No applications will be accepted by FAX. There will be no interviews of any applicants by the Court.

Pursuant to established procedure from prior years, the applications will be reviewed by an Advisory Committee of members of the bar. This Committee is chaired by Claire Roth, Esq. The Advisory Committee may choose to interview any of the applicants and to provide confidential recommendations to the Court.

After receiving comments and recommendations from the CCAN Panels Oversight Subcommittee, the Advisory Committee, and the judicial officers of the Court, the Chief Judge of the Superior Court will make the final selections of attorneys for the various panels. Once the Chief Judge has done so, the names of those selected will be included in the updated rosters for 2009, posted on the Court website. Applicants not selected for any panel will receive a letter to confirm their non-selection.