

SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 02-21

Modifies Administrative Order 02-08

WHEREAS, the Court is modifying the processing of certain misdemeanor and traffic cases in order to permit their early resolution; and

WHEREAS, as part of that modification, it will be necessary to modify the manner in which Criminal Justice Act Attorneys are appointed in those cases to make use of Duty Attorneys;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is, by the Court,

ORDERED that a panel of Duty Attorneys be and is hereby created, who will be responsible for advising and representing all defendants who have not already retained counsel at the initial court hearing in District of Columbia, Traffic, and Community Court cases. The Duty Attorney will be responsible for providing the defendant with legal advice concerning, but not limited to, acceptance or rejection of a diversion offer, a post and forfeit option, a plea offer, or whether the case should be scheduled for trial. In those instances where the Duty Attorney cannot resolve the case, a different attorney will be appointed from the District of Columbia and Traffic Panel to represent the defendant at subsequent appearances. Duty Attorneys will be compensated at the usual CJA statutory rate. Duty Attorneys will not be eligible to be appointed to cases during their duty week,

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