

SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 01-24

WHEREAS, Administrative Order No. 00-26, issued on July 17, 2000, ordered that:

[B]eginning as of July 31, 2000, judicial officers of the Superior Court, when making appointments of counsel under the Criminal Justice Act to new cases entering the Superior Court, or to existing cases where the judicial officer presiding in the case has entered an order permitting an attorney to withdraw or otherwise removing counsel, shall appoint only attorneys listed on the U.S. Panel in adult criminal cases prosecuted by the United States and only attorneys listed on the U.S. Panel and the D.C. Panel in adult criminal cases prosecuted by the District of Columbia; [and further ordered that]

[I]n all instances when a non-Panel attorney is appointed (either because a Panel attorney was unavailable or because the unique situation of a defendant), the judge making the appointment shall do so by a written Order issued at the time of appointment setting forth in detail the particular exceptional circumstances requiring appointment of a non-Panel attorney in the case; and, further, that without such Order detailing the particular exceptional circumstances requiring the appointment of a non-Panel attorney in the case, a voucher shall not be issued and payment shall not be made for work on the case, but rather the attorney shall be deemed to have done the work pro bono publico;

WHEREAS, the Criminal Justice Act Office continues to receive applications for vouchers from non-Panel attorneys accompanied by orders from judges of the Superior Court; and

WHEREAS, many of the orders accompanying these voucher requests do not appear to satisfy the requirements set forth in Administrative Order 00-26 and, therefore, raise issues that cannot be resolved by the Criminal Justice Act Office;

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY

ORDERED, that the Criminal Justice Act Office shall return all such voucher applications to the judge who issued the order; and it is further

ORDERED that all orders directing issuance of vouchers to non-Panel attorneys must henceforth be submitted to the Chief Judge for review.

SO ORDERED.

**BY THE COURT:
SEPTEMBER 18, 2001**

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Chief Judge Rufus King, III

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