SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 03-04

(Arnold & Porter eligible for receiving <u>pro</u> <u>bono</u> appointments)

WHEREAS, the Superior Court appoints attorneys in criminal cases for indigent defendants, and the Court can appoint any qualified attorney who agrees to undertake the representation of a defendant <u>pro bono</u>; Super. Ct. Crim. Pro. R. 44-I, Plan for Furnishing Representation to Indigents Under the District of Columbia Criminal Justice Act; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to a Memorandum of Understanding between the Superior Court for the District of Columbia and the Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia (PDS), PDS collects the applications of firms and individual attorneys seeking <u>pro bono</u> appointments in criminal and delinquency cases, reviews those applications, and then provides the Superior Court with a recommendation regarding the suitability of the firm or attorney for appointment;

WHEREAS, the Court has reviewed the firm's application and found Arnold & Porter to be suitable for appointment in serious misdemeanor and adult felony cases; and

WHEREAS, the Court has reviewed the firm's application and found Jonathan Stern, Esq. and James Cooper, Esq. to be suitable for appointment in all adult criminal cases;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is by the Court,

ORDERED that Arnold & Porter be permitted, at the discretion of the appointing judge or magistrate judge, to receive appointments to serious misdemeanor and low level felony adult cases <u>pro bono</u>; and it is further

ORDERED that Jonathan Stern, Esq. and James Cooper, Esq. from Arnold & Porter also be permitted, at the discretion of the appointing judge or magistrate judge, to receive appointments to all adult criminal cases <u>pro bono</u>.

SO ORDERED.

By the Court:

February 10, 2003

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Rufus King, III
Chief Judge

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