

District of Columbia Court of Appeals

NOTICE

The D.C. Court of Appeals will be accepting applications from qualified attorneys for inclusion in its Criminal Justice Act Panel beginning May 1, 2009. The C.J.A. Panel is comprised of attorneys who the court determines are eligible to be appointed to represent indigent appellants in criminal appeals. Interested attorneys must return four copies of a completed application, including four copies of the writing sample, to the Clerk's Office of the D.C. Court of Appeals no later than July 6, 2008. **Attorneys currently on the DCCA CJA Panel who wish to remain on the Panel must return a completed application update no later than June 26, 2009**

The application and application update may be obtained from the court's website (www.dcappeals.gov/dccourts/appeals/cja.jsp) or from the Clerk's Office located at the Court of Appeals, Historic Courthouse, 430 E Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20001. **The application and application update have been changed this year to include a waiver and release form that will permit the Office of Bar Counsel to release any disciplinary records on the applicant to the D.C. Court of Appeals. The applicant no longer needs to submit a certificate of discipline.**

Applicants should read Miscellaneous Order No. M-217-03, which establishes a Continuing Legal Education requirement for attorneys on the CJA panel, the 2006 Notice to CJA Counsel Concerning the Annual CLE Requirement and the memorandum titled "Obligations of Counsel." These documents, along with other documents explaining various CJA issues, are available on the court's website. Submission of an application constitutes an applicant's commitment to fulfill the obligations set forth in the aforementioned order and memoranda if the application is approved.

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