

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO**

**APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP
CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACT PANEL**

TO: CJA Panel Committee
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1. _____
Applicant Name

Address & Zip (Business)

Business Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email address _____

2. Location for which you are available (check appropriate locations)

Albuquerque Santa Fe Roswell Las Cruces

3. You must be a member in good standing of the State Bar of New Mexico and the Bar of the United States District Court for the District of New Mexico.

Date admitted to practice before the New Mexico Supreme Court: _____

NM State Bar number: _____

Date admitted to practice before the U.S. District Court for NM: _____

4. Law Degree (school and year) _____
Undergraduate or other degree(s) (degree, school and year) _____

5. How long have you *actively* practiced law? _____

6. List other courts to which you have been admitted:

Name of Court	Location	Date Admitted
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

7. a. Have you ever been disciplined by the Bar of any state or by any court?

Yes No If yes, please explain. _____

b. Have you ever been found to have provided ineffective assistance of counsel?

Yes No If yes, please explain. _____

c. Have you ever been found to be in contempt of court?

Yes No If yes, please explain. _____

8. Would you be available for calls during non-office hours should there be an immediate need for an attorney to advise a defendant in custody?

Yes No

9. Are you willing to accept appointment on a contingency basis in cases not compensable under the Criminal Justice Act (for example: civil rights, Title VII EEO Matters)?

Yes No

10. Panels for which you are applying:

General Felony Panel Complex Case Panel

Auxiliary Panel (aka "B Panel") Appeals/Habeas Corpus Panel

11. **a. General Felony Panel** members must have five years' criminal practice experience in state or federal court or three years' experience as an Assistant US Attorney or Assistant Federal Public Defender. Please describe briefly your criminal practice experience.

b. General Felony Panel members must have ten felony trials at least three of which are federal felony trials or significant federal non-trial experience or significant state court trial experience.

- i. How many felony trials have you had? _____
- ii. How many of these trials were as lead defense counsel? _____
- iii. How many of these trials were federal felony trials? _____
- iv. How many federal felony criminal cases have you handled? _____

If you have not had ten felony trials, three of which were federal felony trials, please describe briefly any significant federal non-trial experience or significant state trial experience. _____

c. **General Felony Panel** members must have experience with or knowledge of each of the following. Please indicate briefly your level of experience with or knowledge of:

i. **The Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure:** very experienced
 experienced experienced vaguely familiar
 not experienced

ii. **The Federal Rules of Evidence:** very experienced
 experienced experienced vaguely familiar
 not experienced

iii. **The Federal Sentencing Guidelines:** very experienced
 experienced experienced vaguely familiar
 not experienced

iv. **The Local Criminal Rules of the U.S. District Court for the District of New Mexico:** very experienced experienced experienced
 vaguely familiar not experienced

v. **The New Mexico Code of Professional Responsibility and “A Lawyer’s Creed of Professionalism”:** very experienced experienced
 experienced vaguely familiar not experienced

11. **Complex Case Panel** members will be appointed in complex or multi defendant criminal cases such as RICO or CCE cases or when the case is unusual or complex due to the number of defendants, the nature of the prosecution or the existence of novel questions of fact or law. Please describe briefly any special experience you have in complex or multi defendant cases.

12. **Auxiliary Panel** members will be those whose experience level does not meet the qualifications for the General Felony Panel. Those attorneys will be appointed to represent individuals charged with misdemeanor or petty offense cases or held as material witnesses. Please indicate briefly your experience with these types of cases.

13. **Appeals/Habeas Corpus Panel.** Would you be willing to accept appointments in appeals of federal criminal cases in the U.S. Courts of Appeals for the 10th Circuit? _____ Ordinarily, appointments in the district court continue on appeal. The Court of Appeals may allow trial counsel to withdraw and may appoint separate appellate counsel after trial counsel has perfected the appeal. **Trial counsel must perfect an appeal if requested by the client to do so.**

Please describe briefly your appellate and/or habeas corpus experience in federal or state court. If you would prefer appointments **only** in appeals or habeas corpus cases, please indicate that as well.

14. Please describe briefly any additional, relevant criminal law experience, work experience, life experience, or experience with indigent populations, which you believe the selection committee ought to consider.

15. Are there any cases or types of cases you would not accept? Please explain.

16. Language knowledge in addition to English:

Language	Read	Write	Speak
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

17. Have you ever been employed as a prosecutor, public defender, law clerk to a judge or justice, or as a judge or justice? Yes No

Please describe this employment: _____

18. Please list names, addresses, and telephone numbers of at least three references who can attest to your professional capabilities as defense counsel.

19. If you desire to gain experience in criminal defense work, would you be willing to be appointed for a limited time to serve on a *pro bono* basis to assist an experienced Criminal Justice Act Panel attorney?

Yes No

I hereby authorize all educational institutions, government agencies and instrumentalities (including bar associations and bar examiners of other jurisdictions), employers and business and professional associates (past and present) to release to the CJA Panel Committee of the United States District Court for the District of New Mexico, any non-privileged information, files or records requested by them for the purpose of processing this application.

I further state that I carefully read the foregoing application and that the information therein is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. I fully understand that failure to make a truthful disclosure of any fact or item of information required may result in the denial of my application, and such other actions as the Court deems appropriate.

This application will be considered a confidential court record of the U.S. District Court for the District of New Mexico. It will be used only by court personnel and by the CJA Panel Committee in the administration of the CJA Panel.

EXECUTED on _____ at _____, New Mexico.
(date) (city)

Applicant Signature

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