

**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 13-07**

**Modifications to the Family Court Attorney Panels**

**WHEREAS**, Administrative Order 09-07, issued on June 12, 2009, established a procedure for selecting attorneys to serve on the Family Court Panels to represent parties in juvenile delinquency, abuse and neglect cases, and other Family Court matters; and

**WHEREAS**, the Family Court Panels Committee was directed to accept, at any time, applications to the Panels from qualified attorneys, and to make recommendations to the Chief Judge as the Committee deemed appropriate in accordance with the needs of the Court; and

**WHEREAS**, in Administrative Order 09-07, the Superior Court reserved the right to act expeditiously with regard to any application, while deferring action with regard to any other application, as necessary to allow the Court more flexibility in addressing the needs of indigent persons; and

**WHEREAS**, the number of juvenile and abuse and neglect cases filed with the Family Court has continued to decrease since 2010, and there are now an adequate number of qualified attorneys available to meet the needs of indigent persons in juvenile and abuse and neglect cases; and

**WHEREAS**, there are not an adequate number of qualified Special Education Panel and the Persons In Need Of Supervision (PINS) Panel attorneys, and the Family Court therefore must seek additional applicants prior to the re-establishment of all Family Court Panels in 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, a number of years have transpired since the last review of attorneys qualified for appointments in Mental Health and Mental Habilitation cases; and

**WHEREAS**, the Family Court currently has a provisional category for attorneys who have submitted applications to join the CCAN/Other Panel, during which provisional year the provisional attorney is reviewed and evaluated prior to appointment to Full CCAN status; however, this provisional category is not available for other Panel applicants;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, it is by the Court,

**ORDERED**, that all pending applications for the CCAN, juvenile delinquency and GAL Panels shall be held in returned and attorneys interested in reapplying must refile an updated application; and it is further

**ORDERED**, that the Court will resume accepting applications for the CCAN, juvenile delinquency and GAL Panels on the earlier date of either the scheduled re-establishment of Family Court Panels in 2015 or further court order; and it is further

**ORDERED**, that the Family Court Panels Committee will continue to review applications for the Special Education Panel, as previously directed in Administrative Order

09-07, as the Committee deems appropriate in accordance with the needs of the Court; and it is further

**ORDERED**, that the provisional category previously reserved only for the CCAN Panel will be extended to all Family Court Panels; and it is further

**ORDERED**, that the Family Court Panels Committee will accept applications from qualified attorneys who seek to be considered for appointment to the PINS, Mental Health, Mental Habilitation, and their respective Provisional Panels no later than June 7, 2013; and it is further

**ORDERED**, that the Family Court Panels Committee will review and decide on applications to the PINS, Mental Health, Mental Habilitation, and their respective Provisional Panels no later than July 26, 2013; and it is further

**ORDERED**, that applicants are not required to complete training before applying for the PINS, Mental Health, and Mental Habilitation panels, but attorneys selected for any of the Panels mentioned above must complete mandatory training for the Panels for which they have been selected prior to receiving appointments to particular cases.

**SO ORDERED.**

**BY THE COURT**

**April 15, 2013**

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**Lee F. Satterfield**  
**Chief Judge**

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