### SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 20–06

## Additions to the Criminal Justice Act Panel of Attorneys

**WHEREAS**, by Administrative Order 18-04, issued on May 14, 2018, the Chief Judge re-established the CJA Panel for a four-year period of time, as required by Administrative Order 09-07; and

WHEREAS, Administrative Order 18-04 provided that Provisional Members previously appointed shall remain in such status until the end of their original two-year term, prior to the expiration of which they must apply to become a Full Member; and

WHEREAS, Administrative Order 09-07 ordered that, between periods of reestablishment, the Committee on Criminal Justice Act Panel Attorneys ("Committee") shall accept, at any time, applications to the Panels from qualified attorneys, and make recommendation to the Chief Judge, to add such qualified attorneys to any Panel as the Committee deems appropriate in accordance with the needs of the Court, reserving the right to act expeditiously with regard to any application, while deferring action with regard to any other application; and

WHEREAS, the Committee has reviewed and considered applications warranting expedited consideration, followed its procedures for evaluating applications, and recommended names of attorneys to be appointed to the CJA Panel as Full and Provisional Members; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Judge is satisfied that the recommendations of the CJA Panel Implementation Committee with respect to the attorneys to be placed on the CJA Panel have been made after careful study and consideration of each attorney and should be accepted in their entirety without change; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the administration of justice for these recommendations to be implemented at this time;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is by the Court,

**ORDERED,** that the attached list shall encompass additions to the CJA Panel, as reestablished by Administrative Order 18-04, and attorneys listed are appointed as Full or Provisional Members as set forth in the attached list; and it is further

**ORDERED,** that newly-appointed attorneys are eligible to receive Court appointments upon notification by the CJA Panel Advisory Committee to the Chairperson of the Committee on Criminal Justice Act Panel Attorneys that the attorney has received the necessary training; and it is further

**ORDERED,** that, absent suspension or removal, an attorney hereby appointed to the Full Panel is appointed until the date of re-establishment of the Panel in 2022, at which time the attorney must submit an application for reappointment, pending the determination of which the attorney may remain a CJA Panel member; and it is further

**ORDERED,** that, absent suspension or removal, a newly-appointed Provisional attorney is appointed for a two-year term at which time the attorney must submit an application to the Full Panel provided that the attorney has represented a defendant in at least two felony jury trials, as lead counsel or second chair; and it is further

**ORDERED**, that an attorney's membership on the CJA Panel is conditioned upon compliance with all Administrative Orders setting an annual cap for attorney compensation for appointed representation and providing representation in conformance with the Attorney Practice Standards for Criminal Defense Representation previously published; and it is further

**ORDERED,** that this Order shall take effect on the 10<sup>th</sup> of March, 2020.

SO ORDERED. BY THE COURT

DATE: March 10, 2020

Robert E. Morin Chief Judge

#### **ATTACHMENT**

# CJA IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ADDITIONS TO THE CJA PANEL

### **FULL PANEL MEMBERS**

- 1. Albert Amissah
- 2. Sean Coleman
- 3. Joseph Fay
- 4. Adam Harris
- 5. Charles Haskell
- 6. Janai Reed
- 7. Brian Shefferman
- 8. Rebecca Vogel
- 9. Peter Wright

### PROVISIONAL PANEL MEMBERS

- 1. Gregory Belanger
- 2. Andrew Clarke
- 3. Santia McLaurin
- 4. Mary Connaught O'Connor
- 5. Kelsey Penna