SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 23-04

Announcement of the Regular Reestablishment of the Criminal Justice Act Panel of Attorneys in 2024

WHEREAS, Administrative Order 09-07, issued on June 12, 2009, required the unification and reconstitution of the Criminal Justice Act Panel ("CJA Panel") of attorneys and directed the Committee on Criminal Justice Act Panel Attorneys ("the Committee") to receive and evaluate applications; and

WHEREAS, the above Administrative Order required the reestablishment of the CJA Panel every four years to ensure that the Panel is comprised of highly qualified attorneys consistent with the needs of the Superior Court; and

WHEREAS, Administrative Order 18-04, issued on May 14, 2018, re-established the CJA Panel for a period of four years; and

WHEREAS, the above Administrative Order provided that, absent suspension or removal, attorneys are appointed to the CJA Panel for a period of four years, at which time they must submit an application for reappointment, pending the determination of which they may remain CJA Panel members; and

WHEREAS, attorneys added to the Full CJA Panel since that time are appointed to the CJA Panel until the date of reestablishment of the CJA Panel in 2022; and

WHEREAS, Provisional Attorneys appointed for less than two years are appointed to the CJA Panel until the date of the 2022 reestablishment of the CJA Panel, at which time they must submit an application to either (1) extend their Provisional term, or (2) apply to be a Full member provided the attorney has represented a defendant in a least two felony jury trials, as lead counsel or second chair; and

WHEREAS, Administrative Order 21-16, issued November 24, 2021, deferred reestablishment of the CJA Panel to a later date due to the COVID-19 pandemic and provided that the Committee will provide six months' notice prior to the date upon which applications from new applicants and current Provisional and Full CJA Panel members will be due; and

WHEREAS, Administrative Order 22-03, issued February 11, 2022, provided that the reestablishment would be deferred to May 2024 and, absent suspension or removal, an attorney appointed to the Provisional or Full Panel's membership was extended until May 2024; and

WHEREAS, Administrative Order 23-03, issued April 6, 2023, provided that the

reestablishment of the CJA Panel would begin on April 6, 2023 and that a separate Administrative Order would issue pertaining to the reestablishment; and

WHEREAS, upon consideration of the logistics and resources necessary for the reestablishment process, appropriate deadlines have been fashioned that will ensure sufficient time for the Committee to review and evaluate all applicants and to submit its Final Report and Recommendation to the Chief in advance of May 2024;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is by the Court,

ORDERED, that this Administrative Order shall hereby serve as the six months' notice of the deadline for applications for the 2024 Re-Establishment of the CJA Panel; and it is further

ORDERED, that beginning on May 3, 2023, the Committee on CJA Panel Attorneys shall accept applications to the CJA Panel from current Full and Provisional Panel attorneys and attorneys not currently included on the CJA Panel; and it is further

ORDERED, that Applications for the Reestablishment of the Criminal Justice Act Panel and direction for submission will be publicly available on D.C. Superior Court's website (www.dccourts.gov/services/cja-practitioner) during the application period and it is further

ORDERED, that Full Members of the CJA Panel shall submit the Application entitled "Superior Court of the District of Columbia Criminal Justice Act Panel 2024 Reestablishment- Application of Current CJA Attorney for Continued Full Panel Membership." The deadline for submission is **October 31, 2023;** and it is further

ORDERED, that provisional members appointed on or before November 23, 2021 shall submit the Application entitled "Superior Court of the District of Columbia Criminal Justice Act Panel 2024 Reestablishment-Application of Provisional Attorney for Full Panel Membership" The deadline for submission is **October 31, 2023**; and it is further

ORDERED, that provisional members appointed less than two years ago, and new applicants shall submit the Application entitled "Superior Court of the District of Columbia Criminal Justice Act Panel Application 2024 Reestablishment." The deadline for submission for the provisional members is **October 31**, **2023** and the deadline for submission for new applicants is **November 20**, **2023**; and it is further

ORDERED, that only these updated versions of the application will be considered.

SO ORDERED.

Anita M. Josey-Herring Chief Judge

Date: May 2, 2023

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