

**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 02-08**

**WHEREAS,** The Court, is modifying the processing of certain low level misdemeanor and traffic cases in order to permit their resolution at the first court appearance; and

**WHEREAS,** As part of that modification, it will be necessary to modify the manner in which Criminal Justice Act Attorneys are appointed in those cases to make use of Duty Attorneys;

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

**ORDERED** There is hereby created a panel of Duty Attorneys who will be responsible for advising and representing all defendants who have not already retained counsel at the initial court hearing in District of Columbia and Traffic cases. The Duty Attorney will be responsible for providing the defendant with legal advice concerning whether to accept or reject a diversion offer, a post and forfeit option, a plea offer, or whether the case should be scheduled for trial. If the Duty Attorney cannot resolve the case at the initial court appearance, a different attorney will be appointed from the District of Columbia and Traffic Panel to represent the defendant in all matters subsequent to the first appearance. Duty Attorneys will be compensated at the usual CJA statutory rate. Duty Attorneys

will not be eligible to be appointed to cases during their duty week, but they will remain eligible for appointments at all other times. It is further

ORDERED, Pursuant to the recommendation of the Advisory Committee for the Selection of Duty Attorneys for District of Columbia and Traffic cases, the following are appointed to serve as Duty Attorneys until further order of the Court:

Robert Athanas, Esq.  
Bryan Brown, Esq.  
Veta Carney, Esq.  
Odum Eyiba, Esq.  
Raymond Jacobson, Esq.  
Webster Knight, Esq.  
John McDaniel, Esq.  
Rufus McKinney, Esq.  
Charles O'Banion, Esq.  
Chiemeka Opaigbeogu, Esq.  
Gwenette Worthington Sales, Esq.  
Wanda Williams, Esq.  
Stephen Jackson, Esq., alternate  
John Duru, Esq., alternate

Alternates may fill in for panel members when they are not available, but may not otherwise be appointed at Duty Attorneys.

**SO ORDERED.**

**BY THE COURT**  
**January 11, 2002**

/s/  
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**Chief Judge Rufus King, III**

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**Magistrate Judges**

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