

**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 16-18**

Re-Establishment of the Criminal Justice Act Panel Advisory Committee

WHEREAS, Administrative Order 05-03, issued on May 3, 2005, established the Criminal Justice Act (“CJA”) Panel Advisory Committee to provide additional input to the CJA Panel Implementation Committee concerning the qualifications of applicants to serve as court appointed counsel in criminal cases;

WHEREAS, Administrative Order 09-07, issued on June 12, 2009, required the unification and reconstitution of the CJA Panel of attorneys in 2010 and required the re-establishment of the CJA Panel every four years thereafter;

WHEREAS, the decision-making of the CJA Panel Implementation Committee has benefitted from the valuable input provided by the CJA Panel Advisory Committee concerning the qualifications of applicants to the CJA Panel in the past and will continue to benefit from such input in the future;

WHEREAS, Administrative Order 05-03 directed that three non-institutional members be designated to the CJA Panel Advisory Committee by the Chief Judge;

WHEREAS, in order to ensure that the input provided by the CJA Panel Advisory Committee is impartial, objective, and independent, it is in the best interest of the administration of justice for the Committee to be re-established without designation of members by the Chief Judge;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is by the court,

ORDERED, that the CJA Panel Advisory Committee shall be re-established to be composed of members designated by the President of the Superior Court Trial Lawyers Association (“SCTLA”), to include at least one attorney who is also a member of the District of Columbia Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, and members designated by the Director of the Public Defender Service. The Committee shall be comprised of an uneven number of members as determined by the President of SCTLA, with the majority of the members to be designated by the President of SCTLA; and it is further

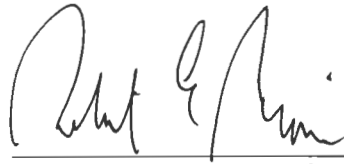
ORDERED, that the CJA Panel Advisory Committee shall be re-established within 60 days of the issuance of this order and shall be re-established every four years thereafter; and it is further

ORDERED, that the CJA Panel Advisory Committee shall receive copies of all applications submitted for the CJA Panel, and within the time limits set by the CJA Panel Implementation Committee, submit to that Committee a list of the attorneys it recommends be added to the CJA Panel; and it is further

ORDERED, that the views of the CJA Panel Advisory Committee shall also from time to time be solicited by the Chief Judge or the CJA Panel Implementation Committee on other issues pertinent to the functioning of the CJA program.

SO ORDERED.

Date: October 12, 2016



Robert E. Morin, Chief Judge

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