

**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 07–27**

**(Schertler & Onorato LLP and Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP attorneys eligible  
for receiving *pro bono* appointments)**

**WHEREAS**, the Superior Court appoints attorneys in criminal cases for indigent defendants, and the Court may appoint any qualified attorney who agrees to undertake the representation of a defendant *pro bono*; SCR-Criminal 44-I, Plan for Furnishing Representation to Indigents Under the District of Columbia Criminal Justice Act, § II(A)(2); and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to a Memorandum of Understanding between the Superior Court for the District of Columbia and the Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia (PDS), PDS collects the applications of firms and individual attorneys seeking *pro bono* appointments in criminal and delinquency cases, reviews those applications, and provides the Superior Court with a recommendation regarding the suitability of the firm or attorney for appointment;

**WHEREAS**, PDS has recommended that certain attorneys from the firms of Schertler & Onorato LLP and Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP through their joint *pro bono* criminal defense program (“Schertler & Onorato LLP and Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP DC Superior Court *Pro Bono* Program”), be permitted to receive appointments to serious misdemeanor and low-level felony adult cases *pro bono*; and

**WHEREAS**, the Court has reviewed the firms’ joint application and found the Schertler & Onorato LLP and Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP DC Superior Court *Pro Bono* Program to be suitable for appointment in serious misdemeanor and low-level felony adult cases;

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

**ORDERED** that the following attorneys from the Schertler & Onorato LLP and Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP DC Superior Court *Pro Bono* Program be permitted, at the discretion of the appointing judge or magistrate judge, to receive appointments from the Superior Court’s Misdemeanor and Felony II adult cases *pro bono*:

David Schertler, Esq.  
Danny Onorato, Esq.  
Michael Starr, Esq.  
F. Joseph Warin, Esq.  
David Burns, Esq.  
Peter Jaffe, Esq.  
Bennett B. Borden, Esq.  
John W.F. Chesley, Esq.  
Kirsten Galler, Esq.

Carey Kotula, Esq.  
Melissa A. Pientka, Esq.  
Patrick F. Speice, Esq.

**SO ORDERED.**

**BY THE COURT**

Date: 12/11/07

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/s/  
Rufus G. King, III  
Chief Judge

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