

**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 17-17**

**Announcement of the Regular Re-Establishment of the
Criminal Justice Act Panel of Attorneys in 2018**

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 re-establishment 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 14-09, issued on May 23, 2014, 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 re-establishment of the CJA Panel in 2018; and

WHEREAS, Provisional Attorneys appointed for less than two years are appointed to the CJA Panel until the date of the 2018 re-establishment 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 Panel member provided that the attorney has represented a defendant in at least two felony jury trials, as lead counsel or second chair;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is by the Court,

ORDERED, that, beginning on November 1, 2017, the Committee on CJA Panel Attorneys shall accept applications to the CJA Panel from qualified attorneys, including applications from current Full and Provisional Panel attorneys and attorneys not currently included on the CJA Panel; and it is further

ORDERED, that the Application, entitled 2018 REESTABLISHMENT: CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACT PANEL APPLICATION, and directions for its submission will be publicly available on the D.C. Superior Court’s website (www.dccourts.gov/services/cja-practitioner) during the application period; and it is further

ORDERED, that only this updated version of the application will be considered; and it is further

ORDERED, that the deadline for submission of the CJA Panel Application is Friday January 19, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.; and it is further

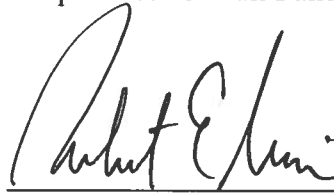
ORDERED, that, after considering all applications and receiving any comments from the CJA Advisory Committee, the Committee shall recommend to the Chief Judge applicants it deems well-qualified to become a Panel member consistent with the Court's need for attorneys; and it is further

ORDERED, that the Committee may also recommend an attorney with excellent credentials but less Superior Court experience, if

- (a) the attorney has a demonstrated interest in representing indigent persons in criminal cases; and
- (b) the attorney is willing to serve as a Provisional member of the CJA Panel until such time as the Committee determines that they are qualified for Full Panel membership.

SO ORDERED.

Date: October 19, 2017



Robert E. Morin, Chief Judge

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