

**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 25-08**

New Panel Members Added to the Existing Family Court Attorney Panels

WHEREAS, Administrative Order 09-07, issued on June 12, 2009, established a procedure for selecting attorneys to serve on Family Court Panels to represent parties in juvenile delinquency cases, abuse and neglect cases, and other Family Court matters; and

WHEREAS, Administrative Order 13-07, issued on April 15, 2013, established a procedure for selecting attorneys to serve on the Family Court Panel for Special Education, called for a review of attorneys qualified to receive appointments in mental health and mental habilitation cases, and extended the provisional category to all Family Court Panels; and

WHEREAS, Administrative Order 22-09, issued on June 24, 2022, established a procedure for selecting attorneys to serve on the Post-Commitment Juvenile Attorney Family Court Panel to represent post-commitment youth; and

WHEREAS, Administrative Order 09-07, issued on June 12, 2009, directed the Family Court to re-establish its attorney panels in 2011 and every four years thereafter; and

WHEREAS, by Administrative Order 23-12, issued on July 3, 2023, the Chief Judge ordered the re-establishment of all Family Court Panels and required that all attorneys seeking to become or remain members of the Family Court Panels were to file an application with the Court; and

WHEREAS, Administrative Order 23-27, issued on December 4, 2023, re-established the various Family Court Attorney Panels and permitted the Family Court Panels Committee to continue to receive and review applications for any Family Court Panel, as previously directed in Administrative Order 09-07, as the Committee deemed appropriate based on the needs of the Court; and pursuant thereto, the Family Court Panels Committee announced that new applications would be accepted every April and October; and

WHEREAS, Administrative Order 24-09, issued on June 28, 2024, and Administrative Order 24-17, issued on November 27, 2024, added new members to the Family Court Panels; and

WHEREAS, the new applicants submitted their applications and supporting materials to the Family Court Panels Committee no later than October 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Committee submitted the recommended additional names of attorneys to be appointed to the Panel as Full members; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Judge is satisfied that the recommendations of the Committee with respect to the new attorneys to be added to the existing Panels has been made after careful study and consideration of each attorney eligible to be considered and should be accepted in their entirety without change; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the administration of justice for the Family Court Panels to add new members at this time;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby

ORDERED that, the attached list of two new members is added to Family Court Attorney Panels Administrative Orders 23-07, 24-09 and 24-17, from this day forward, and attorneys listed are appointed as Full or Provisional Members as set forth in the attached list; and it is further

ORDERED that, absent suspension or removal, and except as otherwise stated hereafter, the attorneys listed are appointed to the respective Panels for a period of three (3) years, at which time they must submit an application for re-appointment during the reconstitution of the panels as provided in the Administrative Order 23-12 (Re-establishment of the Family Court Panels), pending the determination of which they may remain Panel members; and it is further

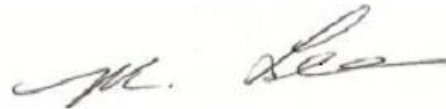
ORDERED that, an attorney's membership on the Panels is conditioned upon his or her compliance with all Administrative Orders setting an annual cap for attorney compensation for appointed representation; and it is further

ORDERED that, newly appointed attorneys are eligible to receive Court appointments upon notification of the Court's Family Court Panel Advisory Committee to the Chair of the Family Court Panel Implementation Committee that the attorney has received the necessary training; and it is further

ORDERED that, attorneys appointed pursuant to this Administrative Order must fully comply with all terms set forth in Administrative Order 23-12; and it is further

ORDERED that this Order shall take effect immediately.

DATE: February 20, 2025



Milton C. Lee, Jr.
Chief Judge

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POST COMMITMENT

Kristen Powell (full)

Patrice Wedderburn (full)

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Patrice Wedderburn (full)

[NB Kristen Powell was previously listed here in error]