

**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 26-09**

**Additions to the Criminal Justice Act Panel of Attorneys
Supersedes Administrative Order 26-06**

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 to receive and evaluate applications; and

WHEREAS, the above Administrative Order also required the re-establishment of the CJA Panel every four years; and

WHEREAS, by Administrative Order 23-03 issued on April 6, 2023¹, the Chief Judge ordered the re-establishment of the CJA Panel and required that all attorneys seeking to become or remain members of the CJA Panel were to file application with the Court; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Criminal Justice Act Panel Attorneys submitted its Final Report on its procedures for evaluating applications and the recommended names of attorneys to be appointed to the CJA Panel as Full and Provisional Members were accepted by the Chief Judge pursuant to Administrative Order 24-03; and

WHEREAS, the Committee will continue to review and consider all applications pending on a rolling basis, following its procedures for evaluating applications, and recommending names of attorneys to appointed as provisional and full panel members; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the administration of justice for these recommendations to be implemented at this time.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is by the Court,

ORDERED, that the attached list shall constitute the CJA Panel 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 Full CJA Panel for a period of four (4) years², at which time they must submit an application for reappointment, pending the determination of which they may remain CJA Panel members; and it is further

ORDERED, that Provisional Members previously appointed and hereafter listed, shall

¹ The Panel was not re-established in 2022 due to the Coronavirus public health pandemic.

² The next Panel re-establishment is in 2028.

remain in such status until the end of their original two-year term³, prior to the expiration of which they must apply to become a Full Member, as set forth hereafter; and it is further

ORDERED, that newly-appointed Provisional Attorneys are appointed for a term not to exceed two years during which they must apply to be a Full Member provided that (1) the attorney represents a defendant in at least two felony jury trials as second chair, and (2) the Committee on Criminal Justice Act Panel Attorneys, in consultation with the CJA Panel Advisory Committee, recommends the attorney for appointment as a Full Member; and it is further

ORDERED, that an attorney's membership on the CJA Panel is conditioned upon his or her compliance with all Administrative Orders setting an annual cap for attorney compensation for appointed representation and providing representation in conformance with the Attorney Practice Standards for Criminal Defense Representation previously published; and it is further

ORDERED, that an attorney's membership on the CJA Panel is conditioned upon his or her compliance with all Administrative Orders setting requirements for completion of Continuing Legal Education credits. In addition, attorneys must sign up to pick up in Courtroom C10 a minimum of 6 times every 6 months through the Office of Defender Services (DSO) Sign up Portal unless granted an exemption by the Committee co-chairs; and it is further

ORDERED, that newly-appointed attorneys are eligible to receive Court appointments upon notification by the CJA Panel Advisory Committee to the Chairperson of the Committee on Criminal Justice Act Panel Attorneys that the attorney has received the necessary training; and it is further

ORDERED, that from this day forward, and unless otherwise determined to be appropriate, when making appointments of counsel under the Criminal Justice Act, judicial officers of the Superior Court shall appoint **only** attorneys listed on the CJA Panel for new CJA eligible cases entering the Superior Court, return of bench warrants and probation revocation matters, and for existing cases where the judicial officer presiding in the case has entered an order permitting an attorney to withdraw or otherwise removing counsel; and it is further

ORDERED, that absent any further order from the judicial officer presiding in a given case, counsel appointed prior to this date to represent a client pursuant to the provisions of the Criminal Justice Act shall continue with such representation and shall be compensated for such representation pursuant to the Act; and it is further

ORDERED, that with respect to new cases or other matters that may arise for an indigent defendant already represented in another matter under the Criminal Justice Act by a non-Panel attorney, an attorney from the CJA Panel shall be appointed to represent that defendant except in those circumstances when the judicial officer presiding in the case determines that representation by the present non-Panel attorney is necessary because of the circumstances of the defendant; and it is further

³ Unless notified by the Committee co-chairs otherwise.

ORDERED, that an individual judge may appoint an attorney who is not on the CJA Panel in those exceptional circumstances when the judge deems such appointment to be necessary because of unique or extraordinary circumstances, and that appointing judge shall issue a detailed order saying why an attorney who is not on the panel is being appointed and that the Chief Judge must be copied on that order; and it is further

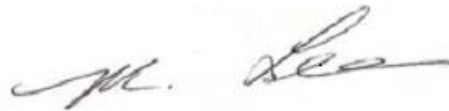
ORDERED, that without such Order detailing the particular circumstances requiring the appointment of a non-Panel attorney in the case, a voucher shall not be issued and payment shall not be made for work on the case, but rather the attorney shall be deemed to have done the work pro bono publico; and it is further

ORDERED, that an exception to the rule precluding the appointment of attorneys who are not on the CJA Panel shall be made for attorneys appointed by the Court of Appeals in a pending appeal who (1) may represent criminal defendants in a post-conviction request for relief filed with the trial court, or (2) may represent criminal defendants in post-appellate proceedings on remand before the trial court; and it is further

ORDERED, that this Order shall take effect immediately.

SO ORDERED.

Date: April 29, 2026



Milton C. Lee, Jr.
Chief Judge

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APPENDIX

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACT PANEL ATTORNEYS FOR THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACT PANEL

*(new to Full Panel Attorney)

** (new Provisional Panel Attorney)

Full Panel Members:

1. Ahmed, Atiq
2. Ain, Andrew
3. Akintoye, Hannah
4. Akulian, David
5. Allburn, Megan
6. Allen, Charles
7. Amissah, Albert (A.J.)
8. Archer, Colleen
9. Armand, Bernadette
10. Baldwin, Todd
11. Barrella, Nigel*
12. Bethel, Thecla
13. Bethel, Victoria
14. Bississo, Omar
15. Boggs, Justin
16. Bookhard, Bryan
17. Borecki, Susan
18. Bruckheim, Michael
19. Burrell, Brandon
20. Cade, Anthony
21. Camacho, Antonio
22. Catacalos, Damon
23. Clark, Jason
24. Cooper, Bruce
25. Cooper, Peter
26. Copeland, Gregory
27. Covert, Matthew
28. Daniels II, Darryl
29. Dansie, Lucas
30. D'Antuono, Frances
31. Davies, Matthew
32. DiMillo, Anthony

33. Dorsey, Daniel
34. Dozier, Jalil
35. Ellis, Susan
36. Engle, Thomas
37. Escoto, Henry
38. Evans, Ferguson
39. Falodun, Oluwole (Wole)
40. Fay, Joseph
41. Franklin, Gretchen
42. Fullwood-Singh, Destiny
43. Gain, Edward (Skip)
44. Gardner, Kevann
45. Goldstone, Mark
46. Hairston, Russell
47. Hakimzadeh, Kiumars
48. Hammad, Neveen
49. Harden, Brandi
50. Harris, Adam
51. Harrison, Claudine
52. Haskell, Charles
53. Healy, Thomas
54. Hertz, Matthew
55. Heslep, Thomas
56. Holliday, Jr., Richard
57. Holt, Veronice
58. Houston, Linda
59. Irving, Kevin
60. Iverson, Frederick
61. Jackson, Melissa
62. Jean-Baptiste, Chantal
63. Jenkins, Theresa
64. Johnson, Stuart
65. Jones, Raymond
66. Joseph, Edward
67. Judkins, Quo Mieko
68. Kamara, Louis
69. Kaplan, Martine
70. Kassees, Kevin
71. Key, Thomas
72. Kiersh, Steven

73. Kleiman, Teresa
74. Koehler, Jamison
75. Kopecki, Sara
76. Kovler, Daniel
77. Lanyi, Jonathan
78. Lester, Thomas
79. Lockard, Michelle
80. LoGerfo, Stephen
81. Machado, John
82. Maddox-Levine, T. Gail
83. Madsen, Adrian
84. Massey, Katherine
85. McCliggott, Sean
86. McCoy, Joseph
87. McCoy, Rachel
88. McDonald, Randy
89. McEachern, Howard
90. McGonigal, Kyle
91. McLaurin, Santia
92. Miller, Cedric
93. Minor, Karen
94. Molina, Joseph
95. Nicholas, Lauckland
96. O'Bryant, Adgie
97. O'Dea, David
98. Odom, Peter
99. Ogolo, Chidi
100. Okezie, Justin
101. Oliver, Kevin
102. Page, Derrick
103. Patel, Sweta
104. Phipps, Kelsey
105. Polin, Steven
106. Powell, Clarence
107. Queen, Elliott
108. Ramsay, Angela
109. Reed, Janai
110. Ricard, Craig
111. Rist, Matthew
112. Robertson, Kevin

113. Rollins, Mark
114. Roman, Steve
115. Rosendorf, Martin
116. Ryan, James
117. Sample, John
118. Sapirstein, Lisbeth
119. Schneider, Alexander
120. Schrager, Seth
121. Scialpi, Errin
122. Simmons, Sellano
123. Smith, Anthony
124. Smith, Jr., Jerry
125. Stevens, Michelle (Gemma)
126. Sukumar, Shawn
127. Swaney, Julie Marie
128. Thom, Tammy
129. Thomas, Alvin
130. Thompson, Everald
131. Thompson, Roderick*
132. Valentine, James*
133. Vaughan, Courtney
134. Wagner, Camille
135. Walton, Nicole
136. Weathers, Sharon
137. Weletz, Carrie
138. Weller, Elizabeth (Betsy)
139. White, Elizabeth (Paige)
140. Wilson, Julie
141. Winograd, Jesse
142. Yarbrow, Jacqueline
143. Young, Christopher*
144. Ziadie, Lola
145. Zucker, Johnathan

Provisional Panel Members:

1. Altemus, Timothy###
2. Bland, Marilyn**
3. Brodt, William**
4. Brown, Cameron###
5. Brown, Nicole**

6. Carroll, Daraja###
7. Castro, Henry###
8. Chiang, Diana##
9. Clingan, Sara**
10. Conlow, William#
11. Coughlin, Andrew**
12. Dawson, Margaret ("Maggie")###
13. Gonnerman, Nicholas ("Nico")####
14. Graham, Charvin#
15. Harris, Tonya#
16. Hayden, Angela####
17. Jackson, William####
18. Johnson, Ayana#
19. Martorana, John#
20. McCullough, Michael##
21. Miller, Joseph###
22. Mixon, Adrian####
23. Mixon, Meaghan**
24. Mohammed, Lizamarie###
25. Niles, Ian**
26. Pellerin-Bergerson, Jami**
27. Okoli, Chimaeze##
28. Rasheed, Veda#
29. Reid, Davoye####
30. Rollins, Cynthia#
31. Roman, Laura##
32. Scanlon, Gabriela####
33. Sims, Rashida###
34. Stiff, Matthew####
35. Sunwabe, Charles####
36. Wesson, Aaron**
37. Whitaker, Kenya**

#Provisional term expires September 2026

##Provisional term expires March 2027

###Provisional term expires September 2027

** Provisional terms expires September 2028