

**APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP
ON THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACT PANEL
FOR THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MONTANA**

*To be completed by attorneys requesting to represent indigent defendants under the
Criminal Justice Act in the United States District Court for the District of Montana.*

1. Name: _____
Firm Name: _____
Office Address: _____
E-Mail Address: _____
Office Phone: _____
Fax Number: _____
Cell Phone: _____

2. Education and Bar Admissions:

Graduated from _____ School of Law. Year: _____

Admitted to practice in the State of Montana on: _____ MT Bar # _____

Admitted to practice in the United States
District Court for the District of Montana on: _____

Admitted to practice in the United States
Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit on: _____

Admitted to practice in the United States
Supreme Court on: _____

Other Jurisdiction or Court	Location	Date of Admission
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

3. Have you attended a continuing legal education seminar on the topic of the Federal Sentencing Guidelines, and their application, within the twelve months prior to this application?

Yes No

4. Have you attended and completed a continuing legal education seminar on federal court criminal practice within the twelve months prior to this application?

Yes No

5. Have you participated as counsel of record, either as prosecutor or defense attorney, in at least one criminal jury trial in any federal court?

Yes No

6. If not, have you participated in this District's "Mentor" counsel program?

Yes No

If so, please attach to this application a letter from your District of Montana "Mentor" verifying that you have completed the program.

7. Disciplinary Actions:

Have you ever been disciplined by a court or by the State Bar of Montana or any other state agency regulating attorneys?

Yes No

Are you the subject of any pending disciplinary action by the Bar of any jurisdiction or by any Court?

Yes No

If yes to either question, in detail on a separate sheet bearing your name and address, please explain what the discipline was and the nature of the conduct that led to the disciplinary action.

Have you ever been removed from this or any federal or state court-appointed attorney panel or program for any reason?

Yes No

If so, in detail on a separate sheet bearing your name and address, please explain.

8. Practice Background (give dates in range of years) (if none – leave blank):

Served as federal defender _____ Served as state defender _____

Served as federal prosecutor* _____ Served as state prosecutor* _____

Served in private practice _____ Served as Judicial Law Clerk _____

Judge or Other: (description) _____

9. Have you at any time been a member of the CJA Panel for this Court?

Yes No

For any other United States District Court?

Yes No

If so, please give the name(s) of the district(s) and dates of membership:

10. Trial Experience:

Approximately how many criminal cases have you tried to verdict?

United States District Court: _____

State District Court of Record: _____

Minor State Courts: _____

Approximately how many pleas and sentencings have you handled in federal court? _____

11. List the last four cases, civil or criminal, that you tried to conclusion before a jury:

Court**	Case Type	Case Name and Number	Result	Trial Date
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

* Active prosecutors are not eligible for panel membership.

** If in state court, please identify the county and state; if a federal court, identify the district.

12. Appellate Experience:

Approximately how many appellate briefs have you filed in the last five years?

United States Circuit Court: _____ United States Supreme Court: _____

Montana Supreme Court: _____ Other State Appellate Courts: _____

How many oral arguments have you participated in over the last five years?

United States Circuit Court: _____ United States Supreme Court: _____

Montana Supreme Court: _____ Other State Appellate Courts: _____

13. List your Continuing Legal Education (CLE) experience as a lecturer (presenter) in a criminal defense or other trial advocacy program within the last three years:

14. Briefly describe any other activity or experience which bears on your qualifications to serve as CJA counsel (i.e., other teaching, bar activities, writing):

15. List any specialized legal experience, e.g., Indian Country Law, Bankruptcy, Commercial Banking, Immigration:

16. List any unique training, experience or skill, e.g., DNA, law enforcement, foreign language fluency:

17. List any aversion to the types of case appointments, e.g., Child Pornography, child abuse, drug violations, domestic abuse, sex crimes (child and/or adult):

18. Please indicate a preference regarding the number of appointments per year:

1 or 2

2 to 5

5 or more

19. Specify the type of Criminal Justice Act appointments you would prefer (check only one):

Misdemeanors only

Felonies and Misdemeanors

Appeals only

All cases

20. Are you available to represent a defendant in a case which will exceed ten (10) trial days?

Yes

No

Maybe

21. Briefly describe why you wish to become a member of the CJA Panel for the District of Montana:

22. I, _____ (please print or type your full name), acknowledge that the answers provided above are true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Further, I acknowledge my obligation to the Court to represent those who, for financial or other reasons, are unable to obtain their own counsel where I can do so consistent with the Montana State Bar Rules of Professional Conduct and the Local Rules of the United States District Court for the District of Montana.

Executed on _____, 20____, at _____

(signature)