

**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 04-02**

(Opening Of The CJA U.S. Panel)

WHEREAS, by Administrative Order 00-26 issued on July 17, 2000, a panel of attorneys was established from which appointments have since been made for criminal cases prosecuted by the United States where a defendant has been found eligible for the appointment of counsel under the Criminal Justice Act (CJA) of the D.C. Code, Section 11-2601 to 2609 (2001);

WHEREAS, since the establishment of the U.S. Panel, some members of the panel have, for various reasons, become unavailable to accept such appointments and there is a need to supplement the panel with other well-qualified attorneys; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the administration of justice for qualified attorneys to be added to the U.S. Panel;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is, by the Court;

ORDERED, that, as announced by the CJA Panel Implementation Committee this date, the CJA U.S. Panel is hereby opened for inclusion of additional qualified attorneys; and it is further

ORDERED, that the CJA Panel Implementation Committee shall receive applications for appointment to the U.S. Panel, shall consider the applications submitted and shall recommend to the Chief Judge such applicants as it deems well-qualified in numbers sufficient to meet the needs of indigent defendants appearing before the Court; and it is further

ORDERED, that the CJA Panel Implementation Committee may also recommend attorneys with excellent credentials but less Superior Court experience who have applied for the U.S. Panel if:

1. They have previously demonstrated an interest in representing indigent defendants;
2. They are willing to serve as provisional members of the U.S. Panel appointed solely to misdemeanor cases until such time as the CJA Panel Committee determines that they are qualified for appointment to felony cases; and
3. They accept that, as with the current U.S. Panel attorneys, at any time the Committee may determine that they should receive no further appointments;

and it is further

ORDERED, that to be considered for appointment to the U.S. Panel, attorneys must submit the following to the CJA Panel Implementation Committee:

1. Fifteen copies of an application formulated by the Committee;
2. A Certificate Concerning Discipline issued by the office of Bar Counsel of the District of Columbia, or its equivalent from each jurisdiction where the applicant has ever been admitted to the Bar;
2. Certification that payment of the applicant's D.C. Bar dues is up-to-date; and
3. For those applicants who were first admitted to the D.C. Bar after January 1, 2000, a copy of the applicant's official law school transcript;

and it is further

ORDERED, that no attorney will be considered for the U.S. Panel unless he or she has the following qualifications:

1. Membership in good standing in the D.C. Bar;
2. An office within the metropolitan D.C. area;
3. A commitment to accept at least three cases each year; and
4. A commitment to complete eight hours of mandatory CLE each year and to comply with Superior Court Administrative Order 02-33 pertaining to CLE requirements.

SO ORDERED.

_____/s/_____
Rufus G. King, III, Chief Judge

February 19, 2004

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