

**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 17-08**

Applications to the Probate Fiduciary Panel

WHEREAS, by Administrative Order 15-18, issued on September 14, 2015, the Probate Fiduciary Panel was re-established as a permanent, standing panel of attorneys from which judicial officers of the Superior Court select attorneys for appointment in any capacity in guardianship, conservatorship, and all other Probate Division proceedings; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the administration of justice that the Court establish a regular and ongoing process for supplementing the Probate Fiduciary Panel on a predictable schedule and to otherwise establish a process to accept, at any time, applications from attorneys who wish to become a member of the Probate Fiduciary Panel during the time between the periodic re-establishment of the Panel;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is, by the Court,

ORDERED, that the Court does hereby establish a process to consider applications for the Probate Fiduciary Panel in 2017; and it is further

ORDERED, that the Presiding Judge of the Probate Division shall accept applications to the Probate Fiduciary Panel from qualified attorneys, and make recommendations to the Chief Judge as hereafter described; and it is further

ORDERED, that the Presiding Judge of the Probate Division shall disseminate all completed applications to the Probate Panel Implementation Committee (the "Committee"), which shall review the applications to the Probate Fiduciary Panel from attorneys; and it is further

ORDERED, that, after the Committee has reviewed all of the applications and received any comments by the Probate Panel Advisory Committee, consisting of members of the Probate Education Committee, the Committee shall recommend to the Presiding Judge of the Probate Division those attorney applicants it deems well-qualified to become Panel members consistent with the Court's need for attorneys; and it is further

ORDERED, that the Committee shall, before recommending that any attorney become a member of the Panel, consider and decide (a) whether the individual is qualified for the Probate Fiduciary Panel, and (b) the Court's need for additional attorney(s) required to provide quality representation and services; and it is further

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

1. The individual has a demonstrated interest in representing persons in need of fiduciary assistance and in the subject matter of guardianships and conservatorships; and
2. The individual is willing to serve as a Provisional Member of the Probate Fiduciary Panel for one year, at which time the Committee shall determine whether the attorney is qualified for full panel membership; and it is further

ORDERED, that to be considered for appointment to the Probate Fiduciary Panel, attorney applicants must submit a completed application, including all materials required by the application; and it is further

ORDERED, that, for prospective new members of the Probate Fiduciary Panel, prior to being eligible to accept new case assignments as a member of the Probate Fiduciary Panel, the prospective new member must complete the educational program presented by the Probate Education Committee; and it is further

ORDERED, that no individual will be considered for the Probate Fiduciary Panel unless he or she has met the following qualifications:

1. An office within the Washington Metropolitan Area;
2. A commitment to complete six hours of Fiduciary Credits towards Fiduciary Panel Education Requirements each year as may be required by the Court;
3. A commitment to comply with all applicable Administrative Orders setting an annual cap on attorney compensation for appointed representation; and
4. A commitment to comply with Superior Court Attorney Practice Standards; and it is further

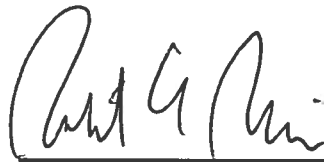
ORDERED, that the schedule for the initial expansion of the Probate Fiduciary Panel shall be as follows:

1. Acceptance of Applications: Monday, May 1, 2017— Thursday, June 1, 2017
2. Committee's Recommendations to Chief Judge: August 25, 2017
3. Additions to Panel: September 29, 2017.

SO ORDERED.

BY THE COURT.

Date: April 20, 2017



Robert E. Morin, Chief Judge

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NOTICE

By Administrative Order 17-08, the Court announces that the Probate Fiduciary Panel will be expanded in 2017. Attorneys who are members of the District of Columbia Bar may submit applications to become a member of the Probate Fiduciary Panel beginning Monday, May 1, 2017. The deadline for applications is Thursday, June 1, 2017. All applications must be submitted in accordance with the applicable instructions.

The Court is undertaking these changes to fulfill its commitment to better ensure proper oversight for those in need of assistance with their personal care and the administration of and accounting for funds in intervention and other Probate Division proceedings. Any inquiries about the Probate Fiduciary Panel application process should be made to:

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