

**APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE
ACT DEFENSE PANEL FOR THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE**

Send completed application for processing to:
Office of the Federal Public Defender
Middle District of Tennessee
810 Broadway, Suite 200
Nashville, Tennessee 37203

APPLICATION OF _____

1. I hereby apply for membership in the Criminal Justice Act Panel for the Middle District of Tennessee.

2. A. Legal Education:

School	Degrees	Year of Graduation

B. Undergraduate and Other Degrees

School	Degree/Field of Study	Year of Graduation

3. I was admitted to practice law in the State of Tennessee on _____ and was admitted to practice in the United States District Court for the Middle District of Tennessee on _____.

4. I have also been admitted to practice in the following courts:

Name of Court	Location	Date Admitted

5. I have been engaged in the active practice of criminal law since _____, and am an active member of the Tennessee State Bar in good standing.

6. Have you ever been disciplined by the bar of any state or by any court or terminated from employment as a lawyer, for cause? _____. If so, explain.

7. During the past five years I have tried approximately _____ criminal cases in federal court(s) (_____ felony/_____ misdemeanor) and _____ civil cases in federal court(s); _____ criminal cases in state court(s) (_____ felony/_____ misdemeanor), and _____ civil cases in state court.

8. Most recent trial:
 Style of case _____ Civil or Criminal _____
 Felony or misdemeanor _____ What court? _____
 Pertinent comments _____

9. Federal Court Experience other than trials - how many times and extent of experience:
 Grand Jury: _____

Initial appearance/Detention Hearings: _____

Arraignments: _____

Motion hearings: _____

Entry of guilty plea: _____

Federal Sentencing Guidelines (knowledge of/familiarity with): _____

Proffers: _____

Sentencings: _____

Appeals (briefs/arguments): _____

Post Conviction Proceedings: _____

10. Death Penalty Cases:
 Any capital case experience (state or federal)? _____

11. During the past five years I have handled approximately _____ criminal appeals (federal and state) and approximately _____ civil appeals (federal and state).

12. I read _____, write _____, speak _____, and/or understand _____, (check as applicable) the following foreign language(s): _____.
13. Have you ever been employed as a full-time prosecutor, public defender, or law clerk to a judge or justice? _____ If so, name of office or judge and dates of employment:

14. Do you have any other legal training or experience which would qualify you for membership on the CJA Panel?

15. Identify CLE programs you have attended in the past twelve (12) month that dealt with criminal defense or federal criminal practice in whole or substantial part.

16. Please give us a summary of your previous law practice employment (i.e. name of firm or organization, dates of employment and nature of practice; any other non law practice employment of interest or relevance to application's qualifications. (e.z. worked as newspaper reporter, FBI agent, registered nurse, chemist, etc.)

17. During the five years preceding this application, have you been arrested, summoned, charged or convicted of any criminal offense (excluding minor traffic infractions)? _____.
If so, explain: _____
_____.
18. Are you willing to accept appointment without compensation in cases not compensable under the Criminal Justice Act (for example, civil rights actions, etc.)? Yes () No ()
19. Should the panel selection committee designate you as a "second chair" member until you have developed more experience, are you willing to accept CJA cases without compensation and assist a panel member in representation? Yes () No ()

20. Professional references. (Please list at least two attorneys or judges familiar with applicant's professional competence.)

21. Name at least one current member of the Middle Tennessee CJA Panel who knows you.

I hereby authorize all educational institutions, government agencies and instrumentalities (including bar associates and bar examiners of other jurisdictions), employers and business and professional associates (past and present), to release to the Panel Selection Committee of the United States District Court for the Middle District of Tennessee, any non-privileged information, files or records requested by them for the purpose of processing this application.

I further state that I have carefully read the foregoing application and certify that the information therein is true, or true to the best of my knowledge and belief. I fully understand that failure to make a truthful disclosure of any fact or item of information required may result in the denial of my application, and such other action as the court deems appropriate.

Executed on _____, 20____ at _____, Tennessee.
(Month, Day, Year) (City)

(Signature of Applicant)

NAME _____

FIRM _____

BUSINESS ADDRESS _____

CITY AND STATE _____ ZIP _____

BUSINESS PHONE _____ CELL PHONE _____

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CITY AND STATE _____ ZIP _____