

**Court Appointed Attorney Application
Ninth Judicial Circuit (Orange and Osceola Counties)**

Florida law requires that the Chief Judge of the Circuit compile a list of attorneys in private practice, by county and by category of cases, and provide the list to the clerk of court in each county. Cases in which the Public Defender's Office and/or the Criminal Conflict and Civil Regional Counsel have a conflict will be assigned to attorneys from this list.

Please complete the application if you wish to be considered for appointment as a court appointed attorney and forward the original and two (2) copies to:

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Orange County Courthouse
425 North Orange Avenue, Suite 2130
Orlando, Florida 32801
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Applicant Information: (Please print legibly or type)

Name: _____ Florida Bar # _____
(As it appears on your FL Bar Membership)

Business Address: _____

(City)

(State)

(Zip Code)

Business Phone: _____ Business Fax: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Professional Requirements:

_____ I am a member in good standing with the Florida Bar.

_____ I have read the qualifications attached to this application and I am qualified to be a court appointed attorney for the cases I have checked on this application.

_____ I have reviewed and understand the agreement for attorney's services documents located on the JAC website at www.JusticeAdmin.com and agree to comply with

JAC's requirements for billing.

_____ I will not solicit compensation from the defendant or other clients, or their families on cases for which I serve as Court Appointed Attorney.

_____ I will notify the Chief Judge of any formal complaint filed by The Florida Bar against me, any non-confidential consent agreements entered into between myself and The Florida Bar, and, any claim of ineffective assistance of counsel that has been set for a hearing before a judge.

Length of Florida Bar Membership: _____

Number of years experience in the field applied for: _____

Board Certifications: _____

Foreign Languages: _____

County where applicant requests court appointments:

_____ Orange County
_____ Osceola County

Additional information/qualifications relevant for consideration:

REGISTRY PREFERENCE:

CRIMINAL

(Please check all case types for which you are seeking appointment.)

- Capital – 1st Degree Murder (Lead Counsel/Co-Counsel)
- Felonies
- Jimmy Ryce
- Misdemeanors and Criminal Traffic
- Post-Conviction (Rules 3.850 and 3.800)
- Appeals – Capital Death Penalty
- Appeals – Non-capital felony
- Appeals – Misdemeanor

DELINQUENCY

(Please check all case types for which you are seeking appointment.)

- Juvenile Delinquency
- Appeals

DEPENDENCY

(Please check all case types for which you are seeking appointment.)

- Dependency – Chapter 39
- Parental Notification of Abortion Act
- Termination of Parental Rights (Ch. 39, F.S.)
- Termination of Parental Rights (Ch. 63, F.S.)
- Appeals – Dependency
- Appeals – TPR

PROBATE DIVISION CASES

(Please check all case types for which you are seeking appointment.)

- Guardianship/Mental Health
- Appeals – Guardianship/Mental Health

QUALIFICATIONS FOR COURT APPOINTMENTS – CAPITAL/CRIMINAL:

1. Be a member in good standing with The Florida Bar.
2. Be in compliance with The Florida Bar approved continuing legal education requirements, with a minimum of ten hours within a reporting cycle devoted to criminal law.
3. Meet the following experience requirements:
 - a. In *capital death penalty cases*, the attorney shall meet the qualifications as outlined in Rule 3.112 (f-g), Rules of Criminal Procedure, as applicable for category selected.
 - b. In *first, second, and third degree felonies, life felony and capital sexual battery cases*, the attorney shall have been a member of The Florida Bar for at least five years and an experienced and active trial practitioner with no fewer than ten state or federal jury trials.
 - c. In *misdemeanor cases*, the attorney shall have been a member of The Florida Bar for at least one year and an experienced and active trial practitioner with no fewer than three state or federal jury or non-jury trials.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR COURT APPOINTMENTS – CRIMINAL APPELLATE CASES:

1. Be a member in good standing with The Florida Bar.

2. Be in compliance with The Florida Bar approved continuing legal education requirements, with a minimum of ten hours within a reporting cycle devoted to appellate law.
3. Meet the following experience requirements:
 - a. In *capital death penalty appeals*, the attorney shall meet the qualifications as outlined in Rule 3.112(h), Rules of Criminal Procedure.
 - b. In *non-capital felony appeals*, the attorney shall have been a member of The Florida Bar for at least three years, and an experienced and active practitioner in the field of appellate criminal law or have experience in the appeal of at least three criminal cases.
 - c. In *misdemeanor and felony third degree appeals*, the attorney shall have been a member of The Florida Bar for at least two years and an experienced and active trial or appellate practitioner in the field of criminal law or have prior experience in the appeal of at least five criminal cases.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR COURT APPOINTMENTS – JUVENILE DELINQUENCY CASES:

1. Be a member in good standing with The Florida Bar.
2. Be in compliance with The Florida Bar approved continuing legal education requirements, with a minimum of ten hours within a reporting cycle devoted to criminal law.
3. Meet the following experience requirement:
 - a. In *juvenile delinquency cases*, the attorney shall have been a member of The Florida Bar for at least one year and an experienced and active trial practitioner with no fewer than three delinquency dispositions or three state or federal jury or non-jury trials.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR COURT APPOINTMENTS – JUVENILE DEPENDENCY CASES:

Juvenile Dependency & Termination of Parental Rights

- a) I have represented a party as lead counsel or as secondary counsel in five

- (5) different cases over the last three (3) years in which a juvenile dependency petition was filed; or
- b) I have represented a party in ten (10) different cases over my career in which a juvenile dependency petition was filed; or
 - c) I have observed a total of at least thirty (30) hours of juvenile dependency hearings (which include at least six shelter hearings, three dependency trials, and one termination of parental rights trial) and will agree to attend at least three (3) hours of continuing legal education at the Dependency Court Improvement Project Conference or in another CLE seminar devoted to child abuse or neglect per year of enrollment on the Juvenile Dependency Registry.
 - d) In addition, to qualify for placement on the Registry, I certify that I am willing to mentor others attempting to meet the above qualifications.

Juvenile Dependency and Termination of Parental Rights Appeals

- a) I have represented a party as lead counsel or secondary counsel in two (2) different appellate cases over the last five (5) years, including the preparation and filing of a brief with the District Court of Appeal or with the Supreme Court of Florida, in a juvenile dependency or termination of parental rights case; or
- b) I have represented a party in five (5) different appellate cases over my career in which I have handled the appeal, including the preparation and filing of a brief with a District Court of appeal or with the Supreme Court of Florida, in any type of case.
- c) In addition, to qualify for placement on the Registry, I certify that I am willing to mentor others attempting to meet the above qualifications.

**QUALIFICATIONS FOR COURT APPOINTMENTS –
GUARDIANSHIP/MENTAL HEALTH/OTHER ADULT CIVIL REGISTRY**

1. I have represented a party in at least five guardianship cases in the past three years; or
2. I have completed no less than eight hours of a guardianship education class or six hours of credit in one or more Florida Bar CLE guardianship courses.

CERTIFICATION:

I certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief, all of the statements contained herein and on any attachments are true, correct, complete, and made in good faith. I understand that any omissions, falsifications, misstatements, or misrepresentations above may disqualify me for consideration and, if I am accepted to the registry, may be grounds for refusal of appointment or dismissal at a later date. I understand that if appointed, I am required to adhere to the contract with the Justice Administrative Commission, and applicable policies and procedures established by the Ninth Judicial Circuit and/or Justice Administrative Commission.

Signature of Applicant

Date