

NOTICE

By Administrative Order 09-07 the Court announces that all Criminal Justice Act (“CJA”) and Family Court Attorney Panels will be re-established by the end of 2009. In addition, the Court is consolidating the U.S. and D.C. Panels into one, unitary CJA Panel. All attorneys who become members of the unified CJA Panel will be required to accept appointment and provide representation in all matters, including D.C. prosecuted and traffic cases.

Attorneys, who are members of the District of Columbia Bar, may submit applications to become a member of the CJA or any of the four Family Court Attorney Panels (CCAN, GAL, Juvenile, Special Education) beginning June 15, 2009. The deadline for applications is September 15, 2009. All applications must be submitted in accordance with the applicable instructions.

Because the Court is re-establishing all Panels, attorneys who are currently members of any Panel must submit an application if they wish to remain a Panel member.

Once it has selected attorneys for the new Panels, the Court will undertake a process of re-establishing the Family Court Attorney Panels and the CJA Panel, on an alternating, four-year rotation. In addition, in those interim periods between the re-establishment of the Panels, the Court will allow qualified attorneys, to submit applications to become Panels members at any time.

The Court is undertaking these changes to fulfill its commitment to provide the highest quality representation to indigent persons who appear before it. Any inquiries about the Panel application process should be made to the following persons:

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