## SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 17-14

Dissolution of the Criminal Justice Act Continuing Legal Education Committee and Transfer of Responsibility to the Committee on Criminal Justice Act Panel Attorneys

WHEREAS, Administrative Order 02-33, issued on December 20, 2002, established the continuing legal education requirements for attorneys who serve as members of the Criminal Justice Act Panel; and

WHEREAS, Section IV of Administrative Order 02-33 also created the Criminal Justice Act Continuing Legal Education Committee ("CJA/CLE Committee") to decide which courses are acceptable for CLE credit and, in conjunction with the Committee on Criminal Justice Act Panel Attorneys ("CJA Panel Committee")<sup>1</sup>, to recommend to the Chief Judge of the Superior Court what CLE requirements should be imposed on newly admitted members of the Panel<sup>2</sup>; and

WHEREAS, the records of yearly compliance with the CLE requirements have been maintained by the Chair of the Committee with significant assistance from the Superior Court Trial Lawyers' Association and the D.C. Public Defender Service; and

WHEREAS, in the 15 years that the Committee has functioned, the need for identifying and approving CLE courses has become less essential due to the expanded presentation of qualifying classes by the D.C. Public Defender Service, the Superior Court Trial Lawyers' Association, the D.C. Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, the D.C. Bar, and other CLE providers; and

**WHEREAS**, the responsibilities of the CJA/CLE Committee can be managed by the Superior Court's CJA Panel Committee;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** it is by the Court,

**ORDERED,** that with appreciation for the service of its members, the CJA/CLE Committee is dissolved; and it is further

**ORDERED,** that the duties of the CJA/CLE Committee, which are set forth in Sections IV and V of Administrative Order 02-33, including the yearly maintenance of records of the Panel Members' compliance with CLE requirements, are transferred to the Superior Court's CJA Panel Committee; and it is further

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> At the time of the promulgation of Administrative Order 02-33, the CJA Panel Committee was formally known as the Criminal Justice Act Committee.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Administrative Order 02-33 directed that the CJA/CLE Committee to recommend CLE requirements for members of the U.S. and D.C. Panels. Subsequently, the D.C. Panel was abolished and one panel was established for both U.S. and D.C. cases.

**ORDERED,** that the CJA Panel Committee shall consult with the D.C. Public Defender Service, the Superior Court Trial Lawyers' Association, and the CJA Advisory Committee if it becomes necessary to determine whether a particular course qualifies for CLE credit; and it is further

**ORDERED**, that in all other respects, Administrative Order 02-33 remains in effect.

**SO ORDERED** 

BY THE COURT.

Date: September 28, 2017

Robert E. Morin, Chief Judge

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