

**Twelfth Judicial Circuit
Court Appointed Attorney's Registry Initial Application**

Bar No: _____

Name of Attorney: _____
Address: _____
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CASE CLASSIFICATION:

INDICATE THE CATEGORIES IN WHICH YOU WILL ACCEPT COURT APPOINTMENTS
Pleas refer to certification sheet for each area applying to verify qualifications.

- A. ADULT CRIMINAL CASES**
- 1. Misdemeanors in the criminal division of county court.
 - 2. Third and second degree felonies
 - 3. First degree felonies and all other felonies not included in 2 or 4
 - 4. Capital cases where the death penalty has not been waived at the time of appointment
- B. JUVENILE CRIMINAL CASES**
- 1. All misdemeanor cases
 - 2. All third and second degree felony cases
 - 3. All first degree and life felony cases
- C. DEPENDENCY/TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS CASES**
- D. APPELLATE CASES**
- 1. Misdemeanor and third degree felony appeals
 - 2. Non-capital appeals, except for those certified by trial counsel as complex
 - 3. Certified as complex; and under Chapter 394 part V, involuntary civil commitment of sexually violent predators
 - 4. Death penalty
 - 5. Dependency and Termination of Parental Rights
- E. PROBATE/GUARDIANSHIP**
- 1. Marchman Act (F.S. 397)
 - 2. Incapacity (F.S. 744)
 - 3. Adult Protective Services (F.S. 415)
 - 4. Tuberculosis Control (F.S. 392)
 - 5. Baker Act (F.S. 394)
 - 6. Developmental Disabilities (F.S.393)

YOU MUST INDICATE COURTHOUSES WHERE YOU AGREE TO ACCEPT APPOINTMENT APPEARANCES

VENICE SARASOTA BRADENTON ARCADIA

If applying for appointments out of your "home" location, please explain how you will meet with clients in the "remote" locations:

I hereby apply to have my name placed on the registry of court-appointed attorneys. I will accept appointment in those areas indicated and I certify that I meet the applicable requirements set forth in the Article V Indigent Service Committee Policies and Procedures* for appointment of counsel.

I understand that the Justice Administrative Commission will be responsible to pay my fees and costs for cases to which I am appointed, and that I must enter into a contract with the Justice Administrative Commission before I will be paid.

Signature

Date

ADULT CRIMINAL CASES – Certification Sheet

1. Misdemeanors

Length of Bar Membership

Y N 1 year

CLE Requirement

Y N 10 hours of Criminal Law during the preceding 12 months

Trial Experience

Y N 3 jury or non-jury trials

Or

Y N Observed 2 trials and 2 sentencing hearings (certified by the lawyer handling the cases)

2. Third and Second Degree Felonies

Length of Bar Membership

Y N 2 years

CLE Requirement

Y N 10 hours of Criminal Law during the preceding 12 months

Trial Experience

Y N 5 criminal trials, 2 of which are felony jury trials as either lead counsel or second chair

3. First Degree Felonies, Life Felonies, Capital Sexual Battery Cases; First Degree Murder Cases Where the Death Penalty Has Been Waived At the Time of Appointment; and Cases Under Part V, Chapter 394 (Civil Commitment of Sexually Violent Predators)

Length of Bar Membership

Y N 5 years

CLE Requirement

Y N 10 hours of Criminal Law during the preceding 12 months

Percent of Practice

Y N 50%

Trial Experience

Y N 15 criminal trials, 10 of which shall be jury trials, and at least 5 of the jury trials in felony cases

4. First Degree Murder Cases Where the Death Penalty Has Not Been Waived At the Time of Appointment

LEAD COUNSEL

Y N ¹⁾ 5 years of litigation experience in the field of criminal law

- Y N 2) Prior experience as lead counsel in no fewer than 9 state or federal jury trials of serious and complex cases, which were tried to completion, as well as prior experience as lead defense counsel or co-counsel in at least 2 state or federal cases tried to completion in which the death penalty was sought.
- Y N 3) Of the 9 jury trials which were tried to completion, attorney should have been lead counsel in at least 3 cases in which the charge was murder; or alternatively, of the 9 jury trials, at least one was a murder trial and an additional 5 were felony jury trials

CLE Requirement

- Y N 12 hours of Criminal Law (specifically devoted to the defense of capital cases) during the preceding 24 months

CO-COUNSEL

- Y N 1) 3 years of litigation experience in the field of criminal law
- Y N 2) Prior experience as lead counsel or co-counsel in no fewer than 3 state or federal jury trials of serious and complex cases, which were tried to completion, at least 2 cases in which the charge was murder; or alternatively, of the 3 jury trials, at least 1 was a murder trial and 1 was a felony jury trial

CLE Requirement

- Y N 12 hours of Criminal Law (specifically devoted to the defense of capital cases) during the preceding 24 months

The undersigned hereby certifies that he/she meets all of the qualification requirements to represent adult criminal cases in the selected (circuit or county) courts of the 12th Judicial Circuit and represent the following as to each requirement, to wit:

Signature

Date

JUVENILE CRIMINAL CASES – Certification Sheet

1. Misdemeanors

Length of Bar Membership

Y N 1 year

CLE Requirement

Y N 10 hours of Criminal Law during the preceding 12 months

Trial Experience

Y N 3 delinquency trials or state or federal jury or non-jury trials

Or

Y N Observed 2 trials and 2 disposition hearings (certified by the lawyer handling the cases)

2. Third and Second Degree Felonies

Length of Bar Membership

Y N 2 years

CLE Requirement

Y N 10 hours of Criminal Law during the preceding 12 months

Trial Experience

Y N 5 delinquency trials or state or federal jury or non-jury criminal trials

3. First Degree and Life Felonies

Length of Bar Membership

Y N 3 years

CLE Requirement

Y N 10 hours of Criminal Law during the preceding 12 months

Percent of Practice

Y N 50%

Trial Experience

Y N 10 trials, at least 5 of which are felonies and 5 of which are delinquency trials

The undersigned hereby certifies that he/she meets all of the qualification requirements to represent juvenile criminal cases in the selected (circuit or county) courts of the 12th Judicial Circuit and represent the following as to each requirement, to wit:

Signature

Date

DEPENDENCY AND TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS – Certification Sheet

Length of Bar Membership

Y N 5 years

CLE Requirement

Y N 10 hours including at least 3 hours earned at Delinquency Court Improvement Summit within preceding 18 months

Percent of Practice

Y N 25%

Trial Experience

Y N Lead counsel in at least 5 dependency trials and 5 termination of parental rights cases during the preceding 3 years

Or

Y N Served as contract dependency /TPR lawyer in Sarasota or Manatee county for at least one year preceding application

The undersigned hereby certifies that he/she meets all of the qualification requirements to represent dependency and TPR cases in the selected (circuit or county) courts of the 12th Judicial Circuit and represent the following as to each requirement, to wit:

Signature

Date

APPELLATE CASES – Certification Sheet

1. Misdemeanor and Third Degree Felony Appeals

Length of Bar Membership

Y N 2 years

CLE Requirement

Y N 10 hours of Appellate Law or a combination of 5 hours Appellate Law and 5 hours Criminal Law

Trial Experience

Y N 3 criminal appeals or 5 criminal trials or a combination of 5 hours Appellate Law and 5 hours Criminal Law

2. All Other Non-Capital Appeals

Length of Bar Membership

Y N 3 years

CLE Requirement

Y N 10 hours of Appellate Law

Trial Experience

Y N 5 criminal appeals or 10 criminal trials, at least 5 of which are felonies, and 3 criminal appeals

3. Cases Certified By Trial Counsel As Being Complex and Appeals Under Part V, Chapter 394, Involuntary Commitment of Sexual Violent Predators

Length of Bar Membership

Y N 4 years

CLE Requirement

Y N 10 hours of criminal Appellate Law in the preceding 12 months

Percent of Practice

Y N 33%

Trial Experience

Y N 5 criminal appeals, at least 3 of which are category 2 appeals

4. All Cases In Which the Death Penalty Has Been Imposed

Length of Bar Membership

Y N 5 years

CLE Requirement

Y N 10 hours of criminal Appellate Law in the preceding 12 months;
Y N 12 hours defending capital cases in the preceding 24 months

Percent of Practice

Y N 33%

Trial Experience

- Y N 5 years experience in criminal law
- Y N 1 prior appeal in a death penalty case
- Y N Prior experience as lead counsel in 3 felony appeals, at least 1 of which involved a murder conviction

Or

- Y N Prior experience as lead counsel in the appeal of 6 felonies, at least two of which involved murder convictions

4. Appellate Dependency or Termination of Parental Rights Cases

Length of Bar Membership

- Y N 2 years

CLE Requirement

- Y N 3 hours at the Dependency Court Improvement Project Conference or an equivalent in the preceding 12 months

Percent of Practice

- Y N 25%

Trial Experience

- Y N Three years experience in dependency or appellate law and must have been lead counsel in at least three contested dependency trials and three contested termination of parental rights trial or demonstrate knowledge through practice of family law

Or

- Y N Served as contract dependency /TPR lawyer in Sarasota or Manatee county for at least one year preceding application

The undersigned hereby certifies that he/she meets all of the qualification requirements to represent appellate cases in the selected (circuit or county) courts of the 12th Judicial Circuit and represent the following as to each requirement, to wit:

Signature

Date

GUARDIANSHIP CASES – Certification Sheet

Length of Bar Membership

Y N 3 years

CLE Requirement

Y N 8 hours Guardianship education class or 6 hours in one or more Florida Bar
Guardianship courses in the preceding 3 years

Trial Experience

Y N Represent a party in at least 5 guardianship cases in the preceding three years

The undersigned hereby certifies that he/she meets all of the qualification requirements to represent guardianship cases in the selected (circuit or county) courts of the 12th Judicial Circuit and represent the following as to each requirement, to wit:

Signature

Date