

**ATTORNEY'S APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO COLORADO CJA PANEL**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Business

Home

Phone: Business: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Home: \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**I. EDUCATION:**

School \_\_\_\_\_ Degree \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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**II. YEARS OF ADMISSION TO PRACTICE:**

Colorado Supreme Court \_\_\_\_\_

U.S. District Court, CO. \_\_\_\_\_

Other State Supreme Court(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Other Federal District Court(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Federal Courts of Appeal/Other \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been disciplined by any of the courts before which you have been admitted to practice, or, have you ever been found by a court to have delivered ineffective assistance? Yes  No

If yes, please provide details on a separate sheet, including the court, the year and the issue that resulted in the determination by the court.

Have you ever been convicted of a crime, other than a minor traffic offense? If yes, explain the circumstances. Yes  No

**III. EXPERIENCE:**

For how many years have you been engaged in the practice of law? \_\_\_\_\_

What percentage of your practice is devoted to criminal law? \_\_\_\_\_

What percentage is devoted to federal criminal law? \_\_\_\_\_

How many years have you been on the CJA panel for the District of Colorado? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever served on another CJA panel, either as a CJA member or a Federal Public Defender?

If yes, list where and the dates of service.    Yes     No

Explain your commitment to indigent defense.

Please describe any employment experience with the following offices:

	(Years)	(Place)
<input type="checkbox"/> as a Judge	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> as a U.S. Attorney	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> as a Federal Public Defender	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> as a CJA Panel Attorney	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> as a District Attorney	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> as a State Public Defender	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> as an Attorney General	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> as a City Attorney	_____	_____

(Civil)

(Criminal)

Number of Cases tried (approximate):

Bench

Jury

Bench

Jury

<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. District Court, Colorado	_____	_____	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Other U.S. District Court	_____	_____	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Colorado District Court	_____	_____	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Other State Court	_____	_____	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Colorado County Court	_____	_____	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Other County Court	_____	_____	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Colorado Juvenile Court	_____	_____	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Municipal Court	_____	_____	_____	_____

On a separate sheet, please describe at least three jury trials, which you tried to verdict, that you believe qualify you for membership on the CJA Panel, including the case name, the charges, the name of the presiding judge, and of opposing counsel. Please also describe one case with a unique or complex motions or sentencing issue that resulted in a ruling from the court that you believe will help the committee evaluate your qualifications.

**IV. SPECIAL SKILLS / INTERESTS:**

A. If you believe you have special skills or knowledge which would make you more qualified to handle federal appointments, please specify. Include if you are proficient in a foreign language.

B. What challenges do you perceive to be unique to federal court criminal practice?

- C. What makes you particularly qualified to represent clients in United States District Court?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- D. As a member of the CJA Panel reapplying, what characteristic most makes you a strong panel attorney?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- E. What novel sentencing arguments have you made in light of the Guidelines becoming advisory (if applicable)?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- F. How do you manage a complex federal/state criminal case?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- G. How do you maintain a productive client-attorney relationship with a difficult client?

**V. REFERENCES:**

The following are people familiar with my trial skills whom you may call for a reference:

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Phone Number</u>	<u>Email Address</u>
1.	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____

**VI. ATTACHMENT:** Please submit for review one REDACTED motion you have written.

**VII. MENTORING:** If selected to the CJA Panel, would you be willing to participate in the Mentor Program?

- Yes                       No, thank you

**VIII. SELF CERTIFICATION:** Please check one.

- I believe that I am capable of handling any criminal case to which I am appointed, including complex prosecutions.
- I believe that I am capable of handling any "routine" felony appointment under the Federal Criminal Code.

Please check one:

- I hereby certify that I have a working knowledge of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, the Federal Rules of Evidence and the United States Sentencing Commission Guidelines Manual, and am competent to try a federal criminal case. I make this certification of competency under Disciplinary Rule 6-101 of the Code of Professional Responsibility.
- I hereby certify that I have a working knowledge of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, the Federal Rules of Evidence and the United States Sentencing Commission Guidelines Manual, and am competent to try a federal misdemeanor or petty offense case. I make this certification of competency under Disciplinary Rule 6-101 of the Code of Professional Responsibility.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Please mail or e-mail your application to:

Office of the CJA Coordinating Attorney  
c/o Federal Public Defender  
633 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 1000  
Denver, CO 80202  
Shawna\_Geiger@fd.org

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