

**APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP
TENTH CIRCUIT APPELLATE CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACT (CJA) ATTORNEY PANEL**

To represent litigants in the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals, all counsel, including counsel appointed under the Criminal Justice Act, must be admitted to practice before the bar of this court. Admission requirements are found in Fed.R.App.P. 46 and 10th Cir. R. 46.2. To be considered for membership on the appellate CJA panel, applicants must meet the criteria contained in Part III of the Court's Criminal Justice Act Plan (10th Cir. R. Addendum I). An attorney must be and remain a member in good standing of the court's bar and familiar with the court's CJA Plan, must demonstrate knowledge of and experience in federal criminal law and appellate procedure, and must be committed to indigent criminal defense. Applicants must be willing to accept appointments during the membership term.

To apply for membership on this court's CJA appellate panel, submit the following materials **in .pdf format** by e-mail attachment to clerk@ca10.uscourts.gov:

This questionnaire fully completed,

A current resume, and

A recent appellate brief you authored (please choose your best work).

INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED

Please feel free to attach additional pages if needed. Direct any questions regarding this application to either the Clerk of Court (303.844.3157) or the CJA Standing Committee Chair, Virginia Grady, (303.294.7002).

You may also want to contact your local representative on the court's CJA Standing Committee: Chair Virginia Grady (CO-WY FPD); Ty Gee (CO); Julia O'Connell (ND/ED OK FPD); Kari Schmidt (KS); Mark T. Baker (NM); Megan Hayes (WY); Kathryn Nester (UT); and Michael Brooks (OK).

1. Contact Information

Current 10th Cir. CJA Panel Member?

Yes No

Name:

Date of Initial Panel Appointment?

Firm Name:

Office Address:

City, State, Zip Code:

Phone Number:

Fax Number:

Mobile Number:

Email Address:

Best Way to Contact You: 1.
2.

2. Are you admitted to practice before the bar of this court?

Yes No

3. Bar Admissions

List all bar admissions and date admitted, including the Tenth Circuit if you are a current member.

4. Do you have an established law practice in the Tenth Circuit?

Yes No

Please describe the nature and location of your practice (e.g., “My practice largely consists of a mix of state and federal criminal defense work in the state appellate and federal district courts in New Mexico.”)

5. Disciplinary History

a. **Have you ever been disciplined, or are you the subject of any pending disciplinary proceeding, in the bar of any court (state or federal)?**

Yes No

b. **Has any court ever held that you provided ineffective assistance of counsel?**

Yes No

c. **If you answered "yes" to either question, please explain the circumstances and the outcome of the proceedings.** N/A

6. Education & Degrees (undergraduate, graduate and law school)

7. Practice & Experience

a. **Provide a general description of your practice, and include the percentage of your practice that is devoted to federal criminal appeals.**

b. **State the approximate number of cases in which you authored the briefs before a federal appellate court within the last five years. Include the name of the appellate court.**

(i) **Identify a sample of cases, preferably criminal, in which you authored the briefs before the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals. Provide the case name and number, and indicate any in which you presented oral argument.**

(ii) Identify a sample of cases, preferably criminal, in which you authored the briefs before other United States Courts of Appeals. Provide the jurisdiction, case name, and case number, and indicate any in which you presented oral argument.

c. State the approximate number of cases in which you authored the briefs before a state appellate court within the last five years. Include the name of the appellate court.

(i) Identify a sample of cases, preferably criminal, in which you have authored the briefs before a state appellate court. Provide the jurisdiction, case name and case number, and indicate any in which you presented oral argument.

8. List any Continuing Legal Education courses that you have taken in the last five years that may be relevant to a federal appellate practice.

9. Panel Memberships

a. Are you a member of any other Criminal Justice Act appellate panel?

Yes No

b. List the Criminal Justice Act appellate panels of which you are currently a member.

c. Are you a member of a Criminal Justice Act district court panel?

Yes No

- d. List the Criminal Justice Act district court panels of which you are currently a member.

10. Have you ever been employed as a prosecutor, public defender, law clerk, judge or justice?

Yes No

If yes, please describe the position, the name of your employer and the approximate dates of service.

11. Special Qualifications

- a. Do you have a particular area of legal expertise such as immigration law, non-capital habeas corpus, capital habeas corpus, white collar fraud, Indian law, etc?

Yes No

If yes, please describe your experience in these areas:

- b. Are you fluent in Spanish? Yes No

- c. In which languages other than English are you able to interact with your client:

(1) In writing without the aid of a translator?

(2) Verbally without the aid of an interpreter?

12. Availability

- a. Occasionally appellate panel attorneys are asked to accept a case from a 10th Circuit district *other than* that in which the attorney has offices or resides. Assuming that you are not required to undertake any district court representation that might be required, will you accept appeals from other districts?

Yes No

- b. If so, from which districts would you accept appointments?

CO KS NM OK-E OK-N OK-W UT WY

- c. Are there any district courts or district court judges from which you cannot accept cases due to a conflict? (e.g., where you worked for or for whom you law clerked?)

Yes No

If yes, which districts or judges?

13. References

Please list the names, addresses, and telephone number of two legal references who can assess your skills relevant to this appellate panel attorney application.

14. Signature and Date

I certify that the information contained in this application is correct to the best of my knowledge. I also certify that I reviewed the Tenth Circuit's Criminal Justice Act Plan (Addendum I to the Tenth Circuit Rules), have a working knowledge of federal criminal law and appellate procedure, and am competent to accept membership on the Tenth Circuit Appellate CJA Attorney Panel.

Signature: _____

Date: _____