

# APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP ON THE TENTH CIRCUIT APPELLATE CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACT (CJA) ATTORNEY PANEL

## Instructions

To be considered for membership on the appellate CJA attorney panel for the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals an attorney must be, or become, 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. Counsel on the appellate panel must be willing to accept at least one appellate CJA appointment per year.

To apply for membership on the Tenth Circuit's appellate CJA attorney panel, submit the following materials **in pdf format** to [CJA\\_Vouchers@ca10.uscourts.gov](mailto:CJA_Vouchers@ca10.uscourts.gov)

- This questionnaire, fully completed,
- A current resume, and
- An appellate brief *you* authored.

## INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED

Page 5 is left blank for your use; 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 Court's CJA Supervising Attorney, (303.335.2846). You may also want to contact your local representative on the court's CJA Standing Committee: Chairman Virginia Grady, CO-WY FPD; Liz Harris (Colorado); Kari Schmidt (Kansas); Scott Davidson (NM); Jim Drummond & Julie O'Connell (FPD for Northern & Eastern Oklahoma), and Tom Jubin (Wyoming).

Name:

Firm, if any:

Office Address (St & Ste):

Office Address (City, State, ZIP):

Phone No.  Fax No.  Cell No.

E-mail Address:  Best Way to Contact:

**1. Education & Degrees** (undergraduate, graduate and law school, and honors, if any)

**2. Bar Admissions** (List each court and date admitted, incl. 10th Cir. if current member)

**3. Disciplinary Actions**

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

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

Yes  No

If you answered "yes" to either question, please explain the circumstances and the outcome of the proceedings (use p. 5 or attach separate page if needed).

N/A

**4. Experience**

Have you ever been a member of a CJA panel, or member of a comparable state court panel?

Yes  No

If yes, list the court(s) and approximate dates of service:

N/A

Describe the nature of your appellate experience. In particular, please provide the number of appellate briefs you have filed (both civil and criminal) in the last 5 years, and the Tenth Circuit case numbers for any briefs filed in this court in the last 5 years:

Briefly describe any other federal experience that you believe relevant to your qualifications to serve on the Tenth Circuit's Appellate CJA Attorney Panel:

**5. Other**

Have you ever been employed as a prosecutor, public defender, law clerk, or judge or justice?  **Yes**  **No** If so, please describe the position, and provide the name of your employer and the approximate dates of service:

**N/A**

**6. References**

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

## 7. Special Qualifications

Are you fluent in Spanish?  No  Yes In any other language?  No  Yes

If yes, which other language(s)?

In which languages other than English are you able to interact with your client in writing without the aid of a translator?

Verbally without the aid of an interpreter?

Do you have a particular area of legal expertise such as immigration law, habeas corpus, white collar fraud, Indian law, death penalty or capital habeas?  No  Yes

If yes, please explain:

## 8. Availability

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 ensue from a successful appeal, will you accept appeals from other districts?  Yes  No

From which district courts of the Tenth Circuit will you ***not*** accept cases?

Colo  Kan  N.M.  N.Ok  W.Ok  E.Ok  Utah  Wyo

Are there any district courts or district court judges from which you ***cannot*** accept cases due to a conflict? (e.g., for whom you law clerked?)  Yes  No

If yes, which districts or judges?

## 9. 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 court's Criminal Justice Act Plan (Addendum I to local rules, <http://www.ca10.uscourts.gov/clerk/rulesandforms.php>), have a working knowledge of federal criminal law and appellate procedure, and am competent to accept membership on the Tenth Circuit's Appellate CJA Attorney Panel.

(If you do not yet use a digital signature, please type in your full name)

**Signature**

**Date:**

Insert carryover info from prior questions here; add add'l pages as needed: