



UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

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August 28, 2009

**CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACT BOARD**  
**ANNOUNCES APPLICATION DEADLINE**  
**FOR**  
**BOSTON, WORCESTER AND HABEAS CJA PANELS**

The Federal District Court Criminal Justice Act Board will accept applications for approximately (30) positions on the present District Court panel list for appointment to indigent cases in Boston. The Board will accept applications for a limited number of positions on the Worcester CJA panel.

The CJA Board also is soliciting applications for a panel representing habeas petitioners. The pilot program for a supplemental panel for habeas corpus representation was announced in June 2007. There is a supplemental application form for those attorneys interested in being considered for this relatively small panel.

In June of 1993, the Federal District Court approved a list of (94) attorneys to serve staggered terms on the panel for Boston. Appointments for one-third of this group expired on December 31, 2009. The District Court now maintains three separate panels for appointments from the Boston, Springfield and Worcester offices and an additional panel for habeas representation. **Anyone who is interested in becoming a member of the Boston or Worcester panel should submit an original and eleven (11) copies of the application to the Clerk's Office by October 12, 2009.** Those interested in becoming a member of the Habeas Panel should also complete the Supplemental Habeas Panel Application and submit the original with eleven (11) copies by October 12, 2009.

A panel member must meet the following minimum criteria:

1. Be a member in good standing of the bar of the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts and the bar of the Supreme Judicial Court.
2. Be registered for the Court's electronic case filing system - CM/ECF which became mandatory on January 1, 2006.
3. Have at least five years experience as a member of the bar.
4. Have sufficient experience to furnish high quality representation to criminal defendants in Federal Court.
5. Be familiar with (a) the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure; (b) the Federal Rules of Evidence; (c) the Bail Reform Act of 1984, as amended; and (d) the Federal Sentencing Guidelines.
6. Demonstrate an interest and experience in the practice of criminal law, or have other equivalent experience.

7. For Boston panel attorneys, agree to take part in the duty day system.
8. Agree to take appointment on the full range of CJA cases.
9. Agree to attend continuing legal education programs.

In developing a recommended list, the Board intends to focus on demonstrated ability to provide able representation. While it is expected that most of those recommended for the CJA panel will have prior experience in criminal cases, such experience is not essential.

From among those considered to be well-qualified, the Board will seek to recommend a CJA panel which is sensitive to the diversity of the defendant population it will be serving and to ensure that women are fully represented in the panel's membership.

The Board is especially interested in receiving applications from attorneys with Spanish language skills. For attorneys who lack criminal defense experience in Federal Court, the Board operates a mentoring program.

The application can be obtained by downloading it from **the court's internet web site at [www.mad.uscourts.gov](http://www.mad.uscourts.gov)**. Applications are available in PDF fillable, Word and WordPerfect formats for your convenience and must be typewritten.

The CJA Board consists of: Peter B. Krupp, Chair, Victoria M. Bonnilla-Argudo, Roberto M. Bracerias, J.W. Carney, Patricia Garin, John P. Pucci, Edward P. Ryan, Jr., A. Hugh Scott, Kathy B. Weinman, William M. White, Jr., and Federal Defender Miriam Conrad.

United States District Court liaisons to the CJA Board include: District Judge Nancy Gertner, Magistrate Judge Leo T. Sorokin and Helen M. Costello, Operations Manager.

An original and eleven (11) copies of the completed application(s) should be submitted by **October 12, 2009** to:

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