



The CJA Panel of Attorneys: How to Apply

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The Criminal Justice Act Panel (CJA Panel) is composed of selected attorneys capable of rendering defense services to persons financially unable to obtain adequate representation and entitled to the appointment of counsel under the Criminal Justice Act of 1964, 18 U.S.C. §3006A, as amended. See also, [Amended Plan for Implementing the Criminal Justice Act](#).

Among other requirements, CJA Panel members must have at least five (5) years of experience as licensed attorneys, and be members in good standing of the Bar of this Court.

Attorneys interested in membership in the CJA Panel must complete a [CJA Panel Questionnaire and Application](#). Attorneys interested in reappointment to the CJA Panel must complete the [CJA Panel Questionnaire and Application for Reappointment](#).

Once completed, the Questionnaire and Application must be filed at the Clerk's Office Intake Section, or mailed to:

Office of the Clerk
U.S. District Court
Attn: CJA Panel Application
Federal Bldg., Rm. 150
150 Carlos Chardón Street
San Juan, Puerto Rico 00918-1767

Upon receipt, all Questionnaire and Applications are referred to the CJA Committee for review and consideration. The CJA Committee notifies its decisions in writing.

For more information, please contact the Office of the Clerk, at (787)772-3016.