APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP ON THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACT PANEL FOR THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

Name: _____

Firm: _____

Business address: _____

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Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

Email Address: _____

Bar No.: _____

Date admitted to Louisiana Bar: _____ Date admitted to Middle District: _____

Date admitted to U.S. Fifth Circuit: _____

Other courts and states in which you are admitted or licensed to practice and dates of admission:

Professional organizations to which you belong:

Have you ever been disciplined by the bar of any state or by any court? ◯ Yes ◯ No
If yes, explain.

Check type of panel or panels on which you are willing to serve:

- ☐ CJA Panel (receive voluntary appointments on rotation basis)
- ☐ Emeritus/Reserve Panel (receive voluntary appointments in cases requiring specialized expertise)

Check area of expertise:

☐ Tax Law	☐ Death Penalty Defense	☐ White Collar	
☐ Environmental Law	☐ Immigration Law	☐ Appeals	☐ Securities Law
☐ Banking Law	☐ Habeas Corpus	☐ Other _____ (specify)	

Summarize your experience in the representation of federal criminal defendants, giving the number of federal criminal cases you have handled, including the number of jury trials, guilty pleas, and dismissals or other dispositions.

Have you had experience in federal district court handling habeas corpus cases?
◯ Yes ◯ No If so, summarize your experience.

Have you had experience in handling federal criminal appeals? ◯ Yes ◯ No If so, summarize your experience.

Summarize your experience in the representation of state criminal defendants.

Summarize your experience in other federal litigation, particularly before juries and on appeal.

Summarize the general nature of your law practice, stating what percentage of your total practice involves the representation of criminal defendants.

Do you have ready access to a library containing materials necessary to the preparation of a federal criminal case? ◯ Yes ◯ No Explain whether your firm possesses such materials or whether you have access to federal research materials from other sources.

Are you fluent in any foreign language? ◯ Yes ◯ No If so, specify.

Have you ever been employed as a prosecutor, public defender or judicial law clerk?
◯ Yes ◯ No If so, specify the employer and dates of employment.

If you have specialized knowledge or training which may qualify you for appointment on a specialized Reserve Panel, please summarize that specialized knowledge or training.

Have you had any experience in the trial of death penalty cases? ◯ Yes ◯ No If so, please summarize the nature of your experience.

Please list any legal seminars you have attended in the last five years concerning federal or state criminal defense, appellate advocacy or death penalty defense, stating the subject matter of the seminar, the sponsor, the approximate number of hours attended and the approximate dates of the seminar.

Summarize any other legal training or experience you have which may qualify you to serve on a CJA Panel or a specialized Reserve Panel.

If selected for appointment on the CJA Panel, are you willing to attend, on an annual basis, continuing legal education training to insure that you remain current on recent developments in the law relevant to federal criminal defense? (The Office of the Federal Public Defender will provide training each year free of charge to panel members.) ◯ Yes ◯ No

I have carefully read the foregoing application and certify that the information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT DATE

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