



**APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP  
ON THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACT PANEL  
FOR THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS**

**PLEASE TYPE ONLY**

The following application must be completed by attorneys requesting to represent defendants under the provisions of the Criminal Justice Act in the District Court of the Virgin Islands.

**DISTRICT PREFERENCE**

St. Croix                       St. Thomas/St. John                       Both

**A. PERSONAL BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

1. Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Office Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Office Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Education and Bar Admissions:

(a) Graduated from \_\_\_\_\_ School of Law.

(b) Year: \_\_\_\_\_

(c) Honors, Awards, Fellowships: \_\_\_\_\_

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**B. BAR MEMBERSHIP**

1. Virgin Islands Bar:

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

2. District Court of the Virgin Islands:

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

3. United States Court of Appeals (Third Circuit):

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

4. Federal Circuit Court:

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

5. United States Supreme Court:

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

6. List any other court in which you have been admitted to practice:

7. Jurisdiction or Court                      Location                      Date

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8. Disciplinary Actions:

Have you ever been disciplined (or are you the subject of any pending disciplinary action) by the Bar of any jurisdiction or by any Court?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If so, please explain in detail on a separate sheet of paper bearing your name and address, what the discipline was, and the nature of the conduct that led to the disciplinary action.

9. Practice Background:

Have you ever been employed as a full-time prosecutor, public defender, or law clerk to a judge or justice?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If so, please indicate the position, the name of the office or judge, and the date(s) of employment:

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**C. WORK/PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

1. Have you at any time been a member of the CJA Panel for this Court?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If so, please provide date(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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2. Have you at any time been a member of the CJA Panel for the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If so, please provide date(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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3. Have you at any time been a member of the CJA panel for any other district/court?

If so, please provide date(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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4. List any Continuing Legal Education experience, either as a lecturer or participant, in criminal or trial advocacy programs.

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5. Trial Experience:

(A) Approximately how many criminal cases have you tried to verdict?

(i). District Court of the Virgin Islands: \_\_\_\_\_

(ii). Superior Court of the Virgin Islands: \_\_\_\_\_

(iii). Other Jurisdictions: \_\_\_\_\_

(B) Approximately how many pleas and sentencings have you handled?

(i). District Court of the Virgin Islands:

(Pre-Booker) \_\_\_\_\_

(Post-Booker) \_\_\_\_\_

(ii). Superior Court of the Virgin Islands \_\_\_\_\_

(iii). Other Jurisdictions: \_\_\_\_\_

(C) Approximately how many civil cases have you tried to verdict? \_\_\_\_\_

(i). District Court of the Virgin Islands: \_\_\_\_\_

(ii). Superior Court of the Virgin Islands: \_\_\_\_\_

(iii). Other Jurisdictions: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Please describe what experience, if any, you have had in representing parties in jury trials in criminal cases before the state or federal courts.

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7. Please describe what experience, if any, you have had in representing defendants in non-jury trials and other proceedings of penal nature and/or related matters such as habeas corpus.

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8. Please describe what other litigation experience you have had, if any:

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9. State briefly the nature of your practice during the past three (3) years.

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10. Please indicate whether you have any special qualifications, such as fluency in a foreign language or expertise in a relevant area of law such as immigration, of which you believe the Selection Committee should be aware in reviewing your application.

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**D. CERTIFICATION**

I understand that if I am appointed on any matter before the District Court of the Virgin Islands, that appointment will continue through any appeal that may be taken to the Third Circuit Court of Appeals and to the Supreme Court of the United States and any Rule 35 Motion for Reduction of Sentence which may be appropriate following the conclusion of the appeals, as well as any related proceedings that may result from the appeal process unless relieved from the appointment by Order of Court.

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

I am willing to represent litigants under the Criminal Justice Act on appeal in cases that I have not been appointed as counsel before the district court.

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

I am willing to serve on the CJA Training Panel.

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

I am willing to attend yearly at least one CLE Program offered by the Office of Defender Services Training Branch, Federal Public Defender's Office, Federal Bar Association and/or a comparable entity:

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

I declare that the foregoing answers and statements are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

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Signature of Applicant

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Date