

APPLICATION FOR PANEL OF ATTORNEYS  
UNDER ARTICLE 18B OF THE COUNTY LAW

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

OFFICE ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CELL #: \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

Admitted to New York State Bar: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Date and Department)

ALL PANELS ARE BROKEN UP INTO EAST END OR WEST-END. WEST consists of District and Village Courts in western suffolk. (Central Islip, Amityville, etc.) EAST consists of village and Justice Courts on eastern suffolk. (I.e. Southampton, Riverhead, Quogue, etc.)

If you have been admitted to practice for a minimum of five (5) years, you are eligible to be considered for assignments to defend against all charges triable in the County Court. Lawyers admitted to practice for less than five (5) years are eligible for all other lists. If you wish to apply for the Murder or Felony lists, see below:

- A.  MURDER PANEL Crimes punishable by death or life imprisonment:
- B.  FELONY PANEL:  
Felonies and Misdemeanors triable in the County Court other than crimes punishable by death or life imprisonment
  - 1.  District Court Calendar Rotation (Felony Applicants Only)
  - 2.  D-11 Weekend Arraignment Calendar
- C.  MISDEMEANOR PANEL This Panel consists of District and Village Courts in the western towns or Justice and Village Courts in the eastern towns. Cannot be on both West and East.
- D.  FAMILY COURT PANEL: cases pertaining to visitation; custody; family Offenses; Adoption cases, Guardianship matters; and Support and Paternity
  - 1.  FAMILY COURT CALENDAR ROTATION - Regular 18b Family Court Panel (No cases connected to neglect, abuse and/or parental termination)  
Assignments out of Central Islip only.
- F.  FAMILY COURT/LAW GUARDIAN PANEL: Abuse, Neglect and/or Parental Termination cases. Requisite: You must apply to Law Guardian Panel once screened and approved by Committee. Please submit resume.
- G.  DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CALENDAR ROTATION  
D31/32 ATTORNEY-OF-THE-DAY
- I.  SUPREME COURT PANEL

**APPELLATE PANEL:**

If you wish to volunteer to handle appeals from cases in the categories above from "A" to "D" above, so Indicate below, bearing in mind that categories "A" and "B" require a minimum of five years practice as a precondition. Also attach a resume indicating your legal experience.

A.  B.  C.  D.

**Attorneys in the "A" category may be included in the "B" category but save for this exception no attorney may be placed on more than one criminal trial list.**

**MURDER/FELONY PANEL REQUIREMENTS:**

If you have not been admitted to practice for a minimum of five years but believe that because of exceptional circumstances you are eligible for category "A" or "B" above, please substantiate this on the resume required for admission to the category. which must include year and department of admission to the bar, educational background, work history, experience and training in criminal law; their experiences with these types of cases, including the Courts and judges before whom they have appeared, as well as information concerning any trials in this area of practice; a record of continuing legal education courses attended over the previous four years in the area of Criminal Law and any other factor which the applicants believe will reflect upon their ability to represent respondents facing these charges. "Exceptional circumstances" may include, but are not limited to, experience in felony trials through a position with a Legal Aid Society, Public Defenders Office or District Attorney's Office where the applicant has practiced primarily in this area and shows familiarity with felony proceedings.

**FAMILY PANEL COURT REQUIREMENTS:**

Regular Rotation: List how many family Court cases you have participated in, indicating the specific types of cases handled. I.E., custody, support; adoption, etc. where the applicant has practiced primarily in the area of Family Law and shows familiarity with these types of proceedings

**FAMILY/LAW GUARDIAN PANEL:** All attorneys must be admitted at lease five (5) years or show "exceptional circumstances" justifying their eligibility; must show a familiarity with abuse, neglect and/or termination of parental rights cases; and must submit a resume, which must include their year and department of admission to the bar, educational background, work history, experience and training in family law; their experiences with these types of cases, including the Courts and judges before whom they have appeared, as well as information concerning any trials in this area of practice; a record of continuing legal education courses attended over the previous four years in the area of Family Law and any other factor which the applicants believe will reflect upon their ability to represent indigents facing these charges.

An additional requirement is that after approval by the Bar Association's Screening Committee, the applicant must make application to and be approved for membership in the Law Guardian Panel.

I hereby affirm under penalty that the information provided by me on this application is correct and complete to the best of my knowledge. I certify that I have read and am familiar with Article 18-B of the County Law, rules of the Appellate Division, Second Department and the Assigned Counsel Plan. I agree to abide by all rules and regulations now existing or from time to time promulgated and relating to the conduct of attorneys on the Assigned Counsel Plan Panels.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

By typing your salutation and full name below, you authorize your digital signature to be submitted with this form.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

Please note the Assigned Counsel Defender Plan requires that an applicant either be a resident of or have an office to practice law within Suffolk County.

If you are fluent in Spanish or any language other than English, and would be willing to represent non-English speaking defendants, please indicate.