

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF IDAHO



ANNOUNCES ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATIONS FOR CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACT PANELS

The United States District Court for the District of Idaho is accepting applications for positions on the Criminal Justice Act (CJA) Panel List for appointment to indigent cases in the District of Idaho. Note that these appointments will be for a two-year term for calendar years 2025 and 2026.

The Panel will be large enough to provide a sufficient number of experienced attorneys to handle the CJA caseload, yet small enough so that Panel members will receive an adequate number of appointments to maintain their proficiency in federal criminal defense work, and thereby provide a high quality of representation.

Panel members serve at the pleasure of the court. A Panel member must meet the following minimum criteria:

1. Be a member in good standing of the Idaho State Bar and Federal Bar of this District.
2. Have at least three years experience as a practicing lawyer.
3. Have demonstrated experience in, and knowledge of (a) the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure; (b) the Federal Rules of Evidence; and (c) the Federal Sentencing Guidelines.
4. Be a registered participant in the District's Electronic Case Filing (ECF) System and should be familiar with the Electronic Case Filing Procedures governing E-Filing in the District of Idaho.
5. Have eight (8) hours of continuing legal education in criminal and constitutional law areas every two years.

Selected panel members who are new to the panel may be required to attend a training program at a date to be determined. All other selected panel members may be required to attend a training program provided by the Courts and the Federal Defender Services of Idaho at a date to be determined. This program may cover topics such as: Preparing Your Case for Trial; eVoucher & Payment; Representing Your Client.

Under the District's CJA Plan, the District is divided into three separate panels: the Southern Division, the Northern/Central Division and the Eastern Division, maintaining a separate roster for each division.

Appointments after the original Panel has been created will only be made in exceptional circumstances where necessary to further the Court's over-all objective of providing quality representation to all indigent defendants.

Once the Panel is determined, the Clerk's Office will send out notice to the selected panel members and issue a General Order appointing the new Panel members. Applicants not selected will be notified.

The application can be completed and submitted from the Court's Internet website.

[CJA Panel Application](#)

The deadline for accepting applications is November 15, 2024