



## APPLICATION FOR “MURDER LIST SECOND CHAIR” ASSIGNMENTS

Please submit application to: [crimrecertification@publiccounsel.net](mailto:crimrecertification@publiccounsel.net)

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Counties in which assignments are desired:

Name:

Law Firm:

Office Address:

Telephone:

Email Address:

BBO Number:

Date of Admission to MA Bar:

Law School(s) & Date of Graduation:

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- **MURDER LIST SECOND CHAIR MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:**

- Familiarity with practice and procedure of Massachusetts criminal courts.
- Lead counsel in the preceding eight (8) years in at least two superior court or youthful offender jury trials.
- In the case of a juvenile murder, a lawyer with at least five years of experience within the last seven years as a delinquency or YO attorney, and a demonstrated expertise in the science of adolescent development, may be appointed as Second Chair.

- **PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING - ATTACH SHEETS AS NEEDED:**

1. Resume describing education and employment history.
2. Selected criminal trials which you have conducted as lead defense counsel, including name of case, court, date of trial, major charges, and whether the case was tried to a jury.
3. Please describe your experience in the utilization of expert witnesses, including client name, charges, and type of expert. Indicate any circumstances where an expert you hired testified on your client's behalf; and any circumstances when you cross-examined a Commonwealth expert with the guidance of an expert that you had retained.
4. Please describe your experience in the utilization of Social Services Experts, or other expert who assisted

in a case by writing an Aid in Sentencing Report, Psychosocial Report, or other behavioral health report. Please include client name, charges, and type of expert.

5. Please provide CLE information for the past two (2) years (name of program, approximate date, and hours of CLE).
6. Please describe any other relevant experience that you wish to have considered (e.g., other trials, significant evidentiary hearings, probation surrender hearings, appeals that you have handled).
7. Please include a memorandum of law that you have written on a recent, appointed, criminal case that demonstrates your skill with written advocacy.
8. Have you ever been disbarred, suspended, reprimanded, censured, or otherwise formally disciplined, publicly, or privately, as an attorney, or as a member of any other profession, or as a holder of any public office?   yes       no       . If yes, please explain.
9. Are any charges or complaints now pending before any court or agency concerning your conduct as an attorney, or as a member of any profession or as a holder of any public office?   yes       no       . If yes, please explain.
10. Have you previously served on any other panel or list for assignment of defense lawyers? If so, list each panel or list and the dates of your service.
11. Have you ever been removed from any panel or list?   yes       no       . If yes, give particulars.
12. Do you speak any foreign languages? If so, give particulars, and describe your level of fluency.
13. The Committee for Public Counsel Services is committed to assuring that the panel of attorneys accepting criminal assignments is sensitive to the diversity of the defendant population it serves. What background, experience, and perspectives would you bring to the panel which would further these goals of having a diverse panel that provides high quality legal representation?
14. Please provide the name, address, and phone number of three (3) criminal defense practitioners familiar with your work.

I hereby certify that the above information is true and correct.

Date

Signature

Dated: **January 2023**