

# The Committee for Public Counsel Services

## APPLICATION FOR CRIMINAL SUPERIOR COURT AND MURDER CASE ASSIGNMENTS

Please submit application to:

Committee for Public Counsel Services  
Private Counsel Division  
44 Bromfield Street  
Boston MA 02108  
Att.: Certification Unit, Elizabeth Aborn-Farfan  
Or  
[crimrecertification@publiccounsel.net](mailto:crimrecertification@publiccounsel.net)

Please check one:

Initial Certification

Recertification

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Application for:

Counties in which assignments are desired:

Murder

Superior

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Law Firm: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

BBO Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Admission to MA Bar: \_\_\_\_\_

Law School(s) & Date of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

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### PLEASE 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, date, and the court in which it was tried, judge, prosecutor, major charges, and whether the case was tried to a jury. Please include jury trials and the most serious charges you have handled. For each trial listed, please include a brief description of the issues involved.

#### 2a. FOR INITIAL CERTIFICATION:

- A. For Superior Court assignments:  
Please list at least six jury trials during the past five years.
- B. For Murder assignments:
  1. Please list at least ten jury trials of which at least five are life felony indictments, during the last five years;

**2b. FOR RECERTIFICATION:**

Please provide jury trial case information for the last five years. If trials handled are fewer than required for initial certification, please describe significant evidentiary hearings or appellate proceedings.

3. For your first three case assignments to clients held in custody this fiscal year (which started July 1), please list the client name, docket number, date of assignment, and date of your first visit to the client at their place of incarceration (not the courthouse or lockup). If you have not had 3 clients held in custody this fiscal year, please provide the information for the clients most recently held in custody prior to this fiscal year.
4. Please describe your experience in the utilization of expert witnesses, including client name, docket number, and charges. 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.
5. Please provide CLE information for the past 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, 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 or resigned 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 services. 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 briefly state the reasons you have applied for membership on the panel and briefly furnish any other information which you think would be helpful to the Committee for Public Counsel Services in evaluating your application, including the name, address and phone number of 3 criminal defense practitioners familiar with your work.

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

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Date

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Signature