

**STATE OF ALABAMA
TWENTY-THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**

Application Form for Appointment

This application is provided for attorneys seeking membership on the Indigent Representation Panels for the Twenty-third Judicial Circuit, Madison County, Alabama. Panel members will provide representation to eligible persons in criminal cases, juvenile delinquency cases and juvenile dependency cases.

The goal of the indigent representation plans adopted in this Circuit is to provide the highest quality of representation for persons in need of counsel while assuring the proper use of public funds expended for indigent representation. The application process is designed to ensure all lawyers interested in indigent representation a fair opportunity to seek panel membership and to receive a fair distribution of appointments. Applications for panel membership will be reviewed by, and panel membership shall be determined by, the Indigent Representation Advisory Committee.

Full Name (First, Middle, Last, Generation): _____

E-Mail Address used for Electronic Filing: _____

Alabama Bar Number (Include dashes; Example: ASB-9999-X99X): _____

Date of Admission to Alabama Bar: _____

Firm Name: _____

Office Street Address (Physical Address): _____

Office Mailing Address (If different): _____

Office Phone: _____ (Example: 256-123-1234)

Mobile Phone: _____ (Example: 256-123-1234)

Facsimile Number: _____ (Example: 256-123-1234)

1. Provide dates of admission for each court in which you have been admitted to practice.

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3. Have you previously applied for appointment to these panels? Yes No
If yes, list the date of each application:

Were you denied appointment to this panels? Yes No

4. Have you previously provided indigent representation in the Twenty-Third Judicial Circuit?
 Yes No
If yes, list the panel(s) on which you served and dates of your service:

5. Have you previously served on any other panel for indigent representation at the state or federal level?
 Yes No
If yes, list each panel and the dates of your service. If you are no longer providing services, list reasons.

6. Has a present or former client prevailed against you in a claim of ineffective assistance of counsel in any state or federal proceeding? Yes No
If yes, explain, including defendant's name and case number.

7. Has your application to provide indigent representation ever been denied? Yes No
If yes, explain, giving panel and year of application.

8. Do you or your firm/association benefit from any Public Defender program or contract system in any Judicial Circuit or other entity, including the federal system? Have you ever been removed from, or not renewed on, any Public Defender program or contract system panel? Yes No
If yes, explain, giving panel, year of removal or renewal, and reasons.

9. List any other professional experience which you believe would be helpful in evaluating your competence to serve on this panel (*e.g.* criminal or civil trials, criminal or civil appeals, judicial experience, criminal cases involving pre-trial or post-trial representations, publications, etc.). Include, where appropriate, the names of adversaries, co-counsel or judges.

10. Have you ever been convicted of a crime? Yes No
If yes, explain.

11. Have you ever been held in contempt of court or been the subject of a contempt proceeding? Yes No
If yes, explain disposition.

12. Have you ever been disciplined in any jurisdiction? Yes No
If yes, give the particulars. If the proceeding is still pending, please provide the details.

13. **Criminal representation:** Would you be interested in serving on a panel of lawyers appointed to provide representation in criminal cases? Yes No

14. Have you facilitated or taught any criminal continuing legal education classes within the last five (5) years? If so, please list.

15. **Capital representation:** Would you be interested in serving on a panel of lawyers appointed to provide representation in capital cases? Yes No
If yes, please describe any particular qualifications that you have to provide representation for a defendant in a case where there is a possibility that the death penalty may be imposed.

16. Have you facilitated or taught any continuing legal education classes regarding capital cases within the last five (5) years? If so, please list.

17. **Appellate representation:** Would you be interested in serving on a panel of lawyers appointed to provide representation in appellate matters? Yes No

18. Have you facilitated or taught any continuing legal education classes regarding appellate cases, within the last five (5) years? If so, please list.

19. **Dependency representation:** Would you be interested in serving on a panel of lawyers appointed to provide representation in juvenile dependency cases? Yes No

20. Have you facilitated or taught any continuing legal education classes regarding juvenile dependency cases within the last five (5) years? If so, please list.

21. **Juvenile delinquency representation:** Would you be interested in serving on a panel of lawyers appointed to provide representation in juvenile delinquency cases? Yes No

22. Have you facilitated or taught any continuing education classes regarding juvenile delinquency cases within the last five (5) years? If so, please list.

23. Please list any special qualifications or expertise, such as fluency in a foreign language.

I have read and understand the provisions of this Circuit's Indigent Plan for Representation for Criminal Cases and Indigent Plan for Representation for Dependency Cases as approved on November 22, 2011.

I understand:

- I must be a member of the Huntsville-Madison County Bar Association.
- Appointment to a panel shall be for a one year term.
- That I am not guaranteed any appointments.
- If admitted to criminal panel membership, I will be placed on an appropriate tier as provided in the criminal representation plan for this Circuit.
- I may be removed from the panel as provided in the criminal representation plan and the dependency representation plan for this Circuit.
- That I must certify each year that I have satisfied Continuing Legal Education requirements set out in the indigent representation plans.

I am interested in the following areas of appointment:

- Criminal
- Dependency
- Appellate
- Juvenile Delinquency
- Capital Cases

Print Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____