

## Court Appointed Attorney Application and Preference Form.

**Please provide the following information as a part of the application and verification process for Court Appointed Attorneys. This application must be completed in its entirety if you wish to be considered for appointment as a court appointed attorney in the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit.**

### **Applicant Information**

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

Florida Bar: \_\_\_\_\_

(As it appears on your FL Bar Membership)

Business Address: \_\_\_\_\_

(Street Address)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(City)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(State)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Zip Code)

Business # (\_\_\_\_\_) Cell # (\_\_\_\_\_) Fax # (\_\_\_\_\_)

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Please check the following that apply:**

- I am a member in good standing with the Florida Bar.
- I have familiarized myself with the Administrative Orders relating to Court Appointed Attorneys.
- I am familiar with and experienced in the utilization of expert witnesses and evidence, including but not limited to psychiatric and forensic evidence.
- I agree to comply with the Administrative Order of the Courts requirements for billing.
- I will not solicit compensation from the defendant or other client that I am appointed to represent.
- I will notify **Chief Judge Steven J. Levin** of any formal complaint filed by The Florida Bar against me; any non-confidential consent agreements entered into between myself and The Florida Bar; any claim of ineffective assistance of counsel that has been set for a hearing before a judge or magistrate.

**Failure to comply with these professional requirements may result in the attorney being removed from all court-appointed lists for a minimum of three years.**

**Nineteenth Judicial Circuit Court Appointed  
Attorney Services Preference Form Place an "X" in  
the appropriate block(s)**

Contract Name	St. Lucie	Martin	Indian River	Okeechobee
1 <sup>st</sup> Degree Murder (non-death) & Capital Sexual Battery				
Non-Capital Felony & Misdemeanor Cases				
Juvenile Delinquency Cases				
Criminal, Juvenile Delinquency & Jimmy Ryce Appeals				
Jimmy Ryce Trials				
Capital Death Penalty Cases lead-counsel				
Capital Death Penalty Cases co-counsel				
Capital Death Penalty Appeals				
Dependency Cases - Attorney for Parent				
Dependency Cases - Attorney for Child				
Dependency Appeals				
Standard Guardianship				
Emergency Guardianship				
Guardianship Appeals				
Felony - V.O.P.				
Misdemeanor V.O.P.				
CINS/FINS Cases				

## **Standards**

**Please verify and check the following as applicable: Fill in only the verification information for the lists for which you are applying. Checking a box is your certification that you meet that specific requirement for the particular court-appointed counsel standard.**

### **Capital Death Penalty Cases (Lead Counsel):**

- I have been a member in good standing with The Florida Bar for the previous five years.
- I am an experienced and active trial practitioner with at least five years of litigation experience in the field of criminal law.
- I have served as lead counsel in no fewer than nine state or federal jury trials of serious and complex cases which were tried to completion, as well as prior experience as lead defense counsel or co-counsel in at least two state or federal cases tried to completion in which the death penalty was sought.
- I have served as lead counsel and tried to completion at least three jury trials in which the charge was murder; or alternatively, I have tried to completion at least one murder trial and an additional five felony jury trials.
- I am familiar with the practice and procedure of the criminal courts of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit.
- I have demonstrated the necessary proficiency and commitment that exemplify the quality of representation appropriate to capital cases, including but not limited to the investigation and presentation of evidence in mitigation of the death penalty.
- I have attended within the last twelve months a continuing legal education program of at least twelve hours duration devoted specifically to the defense of capital cases.

### **Capital Death Penalty Cases (Co-Counsel):**

- I have been a member in good standing with The Florida Bar for the previous five years.
- I am an experienced and active trial practitioner with at least three years of litigation experience in the field of criminal law.
- I have served as lead counsel or co-counsel in no fewer than three state or federal jury trials of serious and complex cases which were tried to completion.
- I have tried to completion at least two trials in which the charge was murder; or alternatively, I have tried to completion at least one murder trial and an additional felony jury trial
- I am familiar with the practice and procedure of the criminal courts of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit.
- I have demonstrated the necessary proficiency and commitment that exemplify the quality of representation appropriate to capital cases.
- I have attended within the last twelve months a continuing legal education program of at least twelve hours' duration devoted specifically to the defense of capital cases.

**Capital Death Penalty Appeals:**

- I have been a member in good standing with The Florida Bar for the previous five years.
- I am an experienced and active trial or appellate practitioner with at least five years of experience in the field of criminal law.
- I have prior experience in the appeal of at least one case where a sentence of death was imposed, as well as prior experience as lead counsel in the appeal of no fewer than three felony convictions in federal or state court, at least one of which was an appeal of a murder conviction; or alternatively, have prior experience as lead counsel in the appeal of no fewer than six felony convictions in federal or state court, at least two of which were appeals of a murder conviction.
- I am familiar with the practice and procedure of the appellate courts of the State of Florida.
- I have demonstrated the necessary proficiency and commitment that exemplify the quality of representation appropriate to capital cases.
- I have attended within the last twelve months a continuing legal education program of at least twelve hours' duration devoted specifically to the defense of capital cases.

**Non-Capital Felony, 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Murder (non-death) & Capital Sexual Battery & Misdemeanor & Violation of Probation (both felony and misdemeanor):**

- I have been a member in good standing with The Florida Bar for the previous three years.
- I have completed within the last twelve months a minimum of ten hours of CLE approved by The Florida Bar and devoted to criminal law.
- I am an experienced and active trial practitioner with no fewer than ten state or federal jury trials.
- I have served as lead counsel or co-counsel in ten felony jury cases, including five jury trials that were tried to completion.
- I am familiar with the practice and procedure of the criminal courts in the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit.
- I have been a member in good standing with The Florida Bar for the previous five years. (Note: the Florida Legislature may require membership in The Florida Bar for five years for appointed 1<sup>st</sup> degree felony counsel; if adopted into law, Chief Judge Steven J. Levin may only select those members that meet this requirement.)

**Non-Capital Felony, Misdemeanor and Jimmy Ryce Appeals:**

- I have been a member in good standing with The Florida Bar for the previous three years.
- I have completed within the last twelve months a minimum of ten hours of CLE approved by The Florida Bar and devoted to appellate law.
- I am an experienced and active practitioner in the field of appellate criminal law or have experience in the appeal of at least five criminal cases.
- I am familiar with the practice and procedures of the criminal court in the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit.

### **Jimmy Ryce Trials:**

- ❑ I have been a member in good standing with The Florida Bar for the previous three years.
- ❑ I have completed within the last twelve months a minimum of ten hours of CLE approved by The Florida Bar and devoted to criminal law.
- ❑ I am an experienced and active trial practitioner with no fewer than ten state or federal jury trials.
- ❑ I have served as lead counsel or co-counsel in ten felony jury cases, including five jury trials that were tried to completion.
- ❑ I am familiar with the practice and procedure of the criminal and civil courts in the Nineteenth Circuit.
- ❑ I have been a member in good standing with The Florida Bar for the previous five years. (Note: the Florida Legislature may require membership in The Florida Bar for five years for appointed Jimmy Ryce counsel; if adopted into law, Chief Judge Steven J. Levin may only select those members that meet this requirement.)

### **Juvenile Delinquency Trials:**

- ❑ I have been a member in good standing with The Florida Bar for at least one year.
- ❑ I am familiar with practice and procedure of delinquency proceedings in Unified Family Court of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit.
- ❑ I am an experienced trial practitioner with no fewer than three delinquency dispositions or three state or federal trials completed to disposition.
- ❑ I have completed within the last twelve months a minimum of ten hours of CLE approved by The Florida Bar and devoted to criminal law.
- ❑ I have completed within the last twelve months at least three hours of CLE approved by The Florida Bar devoted to delinquency law. This CLE may be part of the ten hours criminal law CLE required above.

### **Emergency Guardianship:**

- ❑ I have been a member in good standing of The Florida Bar for the previous three years.
- ❑ I am familiar with the practice and procedure of guardianship proceedings in the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit.
- ❑ I am an experienced trial practitioner who has represented clients in no fewer than fifteen (15) guardianship proceedings.
- ❑ I have completed within the last twelve months a minimum of three hours of CLE approved by The Florida Bar devoted to guardianship law.
- ❑ I certify that I am familiar with statutory and case law for the following proceedings and certify competency to provide representation in the following proceedings: Chapter 415 for Adult Protective Services; the Marchman Act; the Baker Act; Chapter 392 for victims of tuberculosis; Chapter 744 & 765 and Fla. R. Prob. 5.900 Health Care Advance Directives; and Chapter 384 for victims of sexually transmitted diseases.

**Standard Guardianship:**

- I have been a member in good standing of The Florida Bar for the previous three years.
- I am familiar with the practice and procedure of guardianship proceedings in the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit.
- I am an experienced trial practitioner who has represented clients in no fewer than fifteen (15) guardianship proceedings.
- I have completed within the last twelve months a minimum of three hours of CLE approved by The Florida Bar devoted to guardianship law.

**Guardianship Appeals:**

- I have been a member in good standing of The Florida Bar for the previous three years.
- I am familiar with the practice and procedure of guardianship proceedings in the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit.
- I am an experienced appellate practitioner who has represented clients in no fewer than five (5) appeals.
- I have completed within the last twelve months a minimum of three hours of CLE approved by The Florida Bar devoted to guardianship law.

**Dependency:**

- I have been a member in good standing with The Florida Bar for the previous three years.
- I am familiar with the practice and procedure of dependency proceedings in the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit including the application of the Juvenile Rules of Procedure and the Family Law Rules of Procedure.
- I have observed at least thirty (30) hours of hearings, including six shelter hearings, three dependency hearings, and one TPR hearing.
- I have completed within the last twelve months a minimum of three hours of CLE approved by The Florida Bar devoted to dependency law.
- I have tried at least two termination of parental rights cases or have one year of dependency experience.

**Attorney for Child:**

- I have been a member in good standing with The Florida Bar for the previous three years.
- I am familiar with the practice and procedure of dependency proceedings in the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit including the application of the Juvenile Rules of Procedure and the Family Law Rules of Procedure.
- I have observed at least 30 hours of hearings, including six shelter hearings, three dependency hearings, and one TPR.
- I have completed within the last twelve months a minimum of three hours of CLE approved by The Florida Bar devoted to dependency law.
- I have completed the three-hour training course for attorneys for children offered by the Guardian Ad Litem program.

**Dependency Appeals:**

- I have been a member in good standing with The Florida Bar for the previous three years.
- I am familiar with practice and procedure of dependency proceedings in the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit.
- I am an experienced appellate trial practitioner with a least three years of experience in dependency or appellate law.
- I am an experienced and active practitioner in the field of appellate law or have experience in the appeal of at least five cases not limited to dependency or termination of parental rights.
- I have completed within the last twelve months a minimum of three hours of CLE approved by The Florida Bar devoted to dependency law.
- I have been lead counsel in at least one contested dependency trial and one contested termination of parental rights trial or can demonstrate knowledge through experience in the practice of family law.

**Case descriptions must reflect the verification information indicated above. For example, if you must have experience in ten felony trials, complete ten case descriptions; if you must have experience in fifteen guardianship proceedings complete fifteen case descriptions, etc. If you need more than 15 case descriptions to complete your application for each desired list, then you must copy and attach additional forms. In confidential juvenile cases, you may use initials instead of full client names.**

**You must ensure that the case descriptions reflect the type and number of proceedings necessary to qualify you for appointment. Failure to do so will result in your application not being considered by Chief Judge Steven J. Levin.**

**Case Description**

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<input type="radio"/> <b>Jury Trial</b>	<b>Nature of Representation</b>	<b>Type of Proceeding</b>
<input type="radio"/> <b>Bench Trial</b>	<input type="radio"/> Lead Counsel	<input type="radio"/> Capital Murder
<input type="radio"/> <b>Other Proceeding</b>	<input type="radio"/> Co-counsel	<input type="radio"/> Felony
		<input type="radio"/> Misdemeanor
		<input type="radio"/> Delinquency
		<input type="radio"/> Dependency
		<input type="radio"/> Guardianship
		<input type="radio"/> Jimmy Ryce

**(Explain)**\_\_\_\_\_

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

Case Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Charges (including the disposition of case):  
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**Jury Trial**

**Bench Trial**

**Other Proceeding**

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**Nature of Representation**

Lead Counsel

Co-counsel

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**Type of Proceeding**

Capital Murder

Felony

Misdemeanor

Delinquency

Dependency

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Jimmy Ryce

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**Bench Trial**

**Other Proceeding**

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Lead Counsel

Co-counsel

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**Type of Proceeding**

Capital Murder

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**Attach the following documents for review.**

1 Please copy and attach additional forms for case descriptions as needed.

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3 **Submit a brief resume.**

I certify that the answers given herein are true and complete. I understand that false or misleading information given in my application or omission of information requested will be grounds for refusal of appointment or dismissal. I understand also, if appointed, I will adhere to the contract and applicable Administrative Orders within the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit.

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Signature of Applicant

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Date

**Chief Judge Steven J. Levin In Care of:  
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