NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
Serving Indian River, Martin, Okeechobee, and St Lucie Counties

COURT-APPOINTED COUNSEL REGISTRY RE-APPLICATION

Fiscal Year Contract Period: July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026

APPLICATION DEADLINE JUNE 13, 2025

Florida Statute 27.40 provides private counsel shall be appointed to represent persons in those cases in which provision is made for court-appointed counsel but the Office of Criminal Conflict and Civil Regional Counsel is unable to provide representation due to conflict of interest. Each Chief Judge is required to compile a list of attorneys in private practice by county and category from which appointments are made. Attorneys seeking to be placed on the appointment registry for the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit must complete and submit this application, with supporting attachments, to the Office of Court Administration at CAC19@circuit19.org. The Chief Judge of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit will review each application for approval/inclusion in the Circuit's Registry of Court-Appointed Attorneys.

Applicant Information: (Please print or type)

Full Name (As it appears on your FL Bar Membership): _____

Florida Bar Number: _____ Year admitted: _____

Business Address: _____
(Street Address within the geographical bounds of the 19th Judicial Circuit for all case types except death penalty and appeals)

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(city) (state) (zip code)

County of residence: _____

Email address: _____

Telephone number: _____

County of Appointment: ___ **St. Lucie** ____ **Martin** ____ **Indian River** ____ **Okeechobee**
(Please check all that apply)

Professional Requirements **(Please read and verify each requirement with your INITIALS. If approved, failure to maintain compliance with these requirements may result in the removal of your name from the registry for a minimum of 3 years):**

____ I am a member in good standing with the Florida Bar.

__ I have reviewed and understand the agreement for attorney's services documents located on the JAC website at www.JusticeAdmin.com and agree to comply with JAC's policies and requirements for billing.

____ I will appear in Court when required by the presiding Judge, maintain professionalism and vigorously represent indigent defendants/parties.

____ I am familiar with the practice and procedure of the applicable courts of the jurisdiction.

____ I have read the qualifications included in this application and I am qualified to be a court appointed attorney for the cases I have checked.

____ I will not solicit compensation from the defendant or other clients, or their families on cases for which I serve as Court-Appointed Attorney.

____ I will notify Court Administration, JAC, and the Clerk of Court in writing of changes in contact information, including address, phone and email.

____ I will meet with my court appointed clients in all CAC cases at an office in Indian River, Martin, Okeechobee, or St. Lucie County as applicable.[1]

_____ I will accept appointments within the category lists regardless of the type of crime or proceeding involved including violations of probation and postconviction relief.

_____ I will notify the Chief Judge of any pending Bar complaint or open investigation by the Florida Bar against me.

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[1]**Office location**: Attorneys who meet the qualifications and have their primary office outside of Nineteenth Circuit may be considered for appointment. However, the attorney must have the use of an office in Indian River, Martin, Okeechobee, or St. Lucie County, if appointed, and will not be paid for travel time or travel expenses to and from the Nineteenth Circuit.

<u>Disciplinary Information</u> (Please read and verify each requirement with your INITIALS. If approved, failure to maintain compliance with these requirements may result in the removal of your name from the registry for a minimum of 3 years):

1. I have been found guilty, plead guilty or *nolo contendre* to, or had adjudication withheld on a felony or misdemeanor of the first degree; or been held in criminal or civil contempt.

   _____ Yes _____ No

   If YES, list all cases, including the style of case, judge, and case number. Also, for each case, provide any explanation or circumstances you deem necessary or important to consider in review of your application.

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2. I have been disciplined by the Florida Bar, or a Bar of another state.

   _____ Yes _____ No

   If YES, list all cases, including the style of case, judge, and case number. Also, for each case, provide any explanation or circumstances you deem necessary or important to consider in review of your application.

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3. In the last 10 years, has any trial court found that you rendered ineffective assistance of counsel through a Rule 3.850 or 3.851 hearing?

   _____ Yes _____ No

   If YES, list all cases, including the style of case, judge, and case number. Also, for each case, provide any explanation or circumstances you deem necessary or important to consider in review of your application.

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5. I have been removed from a Registry list after notice of problems or concerns with my representation and/or performance.

   _____ Yes _____ No

   If YES, list all cases, including the style of case, judge, and case number. Also, for each case, provide any explanation or circumstances you deem necessary or important to consider in review of your application.

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Registry Preference (Please check all that apply.)

Case Category	St. Lucie	Martin	Indian River	Okeechobee
CRIMINAL				
Capital- 1st Degree Murder **Lead Counsel**				
Capital- 1st Degree Murder **Co-Counsel**				
Capital Sexual Battery, Capital Non-Sexual Battery				
Felony Life, (RICO) Punishable by Life, Felony 1ST Degree				
Felony 2nd Degree, Felony 3rd Degree Violation of Probation Felony (VOCC)				
Post-Conviction Rules 3.850 & 3.800				
Misdemeanor, Criminal Traffic, VOP misdemeanor, (VOCC), Contempt, Extradition				
JUVENILE				
Juvenile Delinquency- Felony Life, 1st Degree Felony				
Juvenile Delinquency- 2nd Degree Felony, 3rd Degree				
Juvenile Delinquency Misdemeanor, Violation of Probation - Juvenile Delinquency-(VOCC)				
Dependency Cases, Termination of Parental Rights Chp.39, Termination of Parental Rights Chp.63				
CIVIL & OTHERS				
Guardianship, Baker Act/ Mental Health, Marchman Act / Substance Abuse, CINS/FINS				
Sexual Violent Predator (Jimmy Ryce)				
Adult Protective Services				
Developmentally Disabled Adult, Admission of Inmate to Mental Health Facility, Medical Procedures Section 394.459(3)F.S, Tuberculosis- Ch. 392 F.S.				
CINS/FINS, Emancipation, Parental Notification of Abortion				
Children with Certain Special Needs				
APPEALS				
Capital Appeals				
Felony Appeals				
Misdemeanor Appeals				
Sexual Violent Predator Appeals				
Juvenile Delinquency Appeals				
Dependency Appeals, TPR Appeals				
Civil Appeals				

QUALIFICATIONS

The following sections outline the certification requirements for all case types and categories of cases available for court appointed attorneys. Please read each requirement carefully and check those that apply. On the application you submit to Court Administration, by checking those that apply, you are certifying that you meet each and every requirement, including length of bar membership, CLE's within the specified time frames and trial experience for every category of cases that you select. You may be asked to provide documentation to prove that you meet these requirements at any time.

Capital Cases:

____ 1st Degree Murder - Lead Counsel
____ 1st Degree Murder - Co-Counsel
____ Capital Sexual Battery
____ Capital (Non-Death other than Capital Sexual Battery)

QUALIFICATIONS FOR LEAD COUNSEL:

- □ Member of The Florida Bar with 5 years or more of litigation experience in criminal law.
- □ Meet the requirements of rule 3.112(f) of the Rules of Criminal Procedure - Lead Trial Counsel and the requirements of rule 3.113 of the Rules of Criminal Procedure.
- □ Prior experience as lead counsel in no fewer than 9 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 2 state or federal cases tried to completion in which the death penalty was sought. In addition, of the 9 jury trials which were tried to completion, the attorney should have been lead counsel in at least 3 cases in which the charge was murder; or alternatively, of the 9 jury trials, at least 1 was a murder trial and an additional 5 were felony jury trials.
- □ CLE Requirement – 12 hours of Criminal Law (specifically devoted to the defense of capital cases) within the preceding 24 months.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR CO-COUNSEL:

- □ Member of The Florida Bar with 3 years or more of litigation experience in criminal law.
- □ Meet the requirements of rule 3.112(g) of the Rules of Criminal Procedure -Co-counsel and the requirements of rule 3.113 of the Rules of Criminal Procedure.
- □ Prior experience as lead counsel or co-counsel in no fewer than 3 state or federal jury trials of serious and complex cases, which were tried to completion, at least 2 cases in which the charge was murder; or alternatively, of the 3 jury trials, at least one was a murder trial and an additional one was a felony jury trial.
- □ CLE Requirement – 12 hours of Criminal Law (specifically devoted to the defense of capital cases) within the preceding 24 months.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR CAPITAL SEXUAL BATTERY & CAPITAL NON-DEATH:

- □ Member of The Florida Bar with 5 years or more of litigation experience in criminal law.
- □ Trial Experience: 10 criminal trials, 5 of which shall be jury trials, and at least 3 of the jury trials in felony cases.
- □ Meet the requirements of rule 3.113 of the Rules of Criminal Procedure.
- □ CLE Requirement: 10 hours of Criminal Law within the preceding 24 months.

Criminal – RICO and Criminal Registry:

____ Felony – Life (RICO)
____ Felony Punishable by Life (RICO)
____ Felony – 1st Degree – (RICO)
____ Felony – Noncapital Murder
____ Felony – Life
____ Felony Punishable by Life
____ Felony – 1st Degree
____ Felony – 2nd Degree
____ Felony – 3rd Degree
____ Violation of Probation – Felony (includes VOCC)
____ Misdemeanors
____ Criminal Traffic
____ Violation of Probation – Misdemeanor (includes VOCC)
____ Post-Conviction (Rules 3.850 & 3.800)
____ Contempt Proceedings
____ Extradition

QUALIFICATIONS FOR FELONY (RICO), 1st DEGREE FELONIES, VOP:

- □ Member of The Florida Bar with 5 years or more of litigation experience in criminal law.
- □ Trial Experience: 10 criminal trials, 5 of which shall be jury trials, and at least 3 of the jury trials in felony cases.
- □ Meet the requirements of rule 3.113 of the Rules of Criminal Procedure.
- □ CLE Requirement: 10 hours of Criminal Law within the preceding 24 months.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR 2nd , 3rd DEGREE FELONIES

- □ Member of The Florida Bar with 3 years or more of litigation experience in criminal law.
- □ Trial Experience: 10 criminal trials, 5 of which shall be jury trials, and at least 3 of the jury trials in felony cases.
- □ Meet the requirements of rule 3.113 of the Rules of Criminal Procedure.
- □ CLE Requirement: 10 hours of Criminal Law within the preceding 24 months.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR MISDEMEANORS, CRIMINAL TRAFFIC, VOP:

- □ Member of The Florida Bar with 1 year or more of litigation experience in criminal law.
- □ Trial Experience: 3 jury or non-jury criminal trials
- □ CLE Requirement: 10 hours of Criminal Law within the preceding 24 months.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR POST-CONVICTION:

- □ Member of The Florida Bar with 5 years or more of litigation experience in criminal law.
- □ Trial experience – 10 criminal trials, 5 of which shall be jury trials, and at least 3 of the jury trials in felony cases.
- □ If for felony post-conviction, meet the requirements of rule 3.113 of the Rules of Criminal Procedure.
- □ CLE Requirement: 10 hours of Criminal Law within the preceding 24 months.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR CONTEMPT PROCEEDINGS AND EXTRADITION

- □ Member of The Florida Bar with 1 year or more of litigation experience in criminal law.
- □ Trial experience- 3 jury or non-jury criminal trials
- □ CLE requirement 10 hours of Criminal Law within the preceding 24 months.

Delinquency Registry:

____ Juvenile Delinquency – Felony Life
____ Juvenile Delinquency – 1st Degree Felony
____ Juvenile Delinquency – 2nd Degree Felony
____ Juvenile Delinquency – 3rd Degree Felony
____ Misdemeanors – *case code 847*
____ VOP Juvenile Delinquency (includes VOCC)

QUALIFICATIONS FOR DELINQUENCY – 1ST DEGREE FELONIES:

- □ Member of The Florida Bar with 5 years or more of litigation experience in criminal law.
- □ Trial Experience: 10 trials, at least 5 of which were delinquency trials.
- □ CLE Requirement: 10 hours of juvenile or criminal law within the preceding 24 months.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR DELINQUENCY – 2ND, 3RD DEGREE FELONIES:

- □ Member of The Florida Bar with 3 years or more of litigation experience in criminal law.
- □ Trial Experience: 10 trials, at least 5 of which were delinquency trials.
- □ CLE Requirement: 10 hours of juvenile or criminal law within the preceding 24 months.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR DELINQUENCY - MISDEMEANOR AND VOP CASES:

- □ Member of The Florida Bar with 1 years or more of litigation experience in criminal law.
- □ Trial Experience: 3 delinquency trials or state jury or non-jury trials.
- □ CLE Requirement: 10 hours of juvenile or criminal law within the preceding 24 months.

Dependency & TPR Registry:

____ Dependency – Chapter 39
____ Termination of Parental Rights (Ch. 39, F.S.)
____ Termination of Parental Rights (Ch. 63, F.S.)

QUALIFICATIONS FOR DEPENDENCY & TPR:

- □ Member of The Florida Bar with 3 years or more of litigation experience in dependency law.
- □ Represented a party as lead counsel or as secondary counsel in 5 different cases in which a juvenile dependency petition was filed: or
- □ Represented a party in 10 different cases over my career in which a juvenile dependency petition was filed; or observed at least 30 hours of juvenile dependency hearings (which include at least six shelter hearings, three dependency trials, and one termination of parental rights hearing).
- □ CLE Requirement -- 10 hours of dependency law within the preceding 24 months.

Guardianship/Mental Health:

____ Guardianship – Ch. 744, F.S. and Guardianship – Emergency Ch. 744, F.S.
____ Baker Act/Mental Health – Ch. 394, F.S.
____ Marchman Act/Substance Abuse – Ch. 397, F.S.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR GUARDIANSHIP/MENTAL HEALTH:

- □ Member of The Florida Bar with 3 years or more of litigation experience in civil law.
- □ Trial Experience: Represented a party in at least 5 guardianship cases in the preceding 3 years.
- □ CLE Requirement: 3 hours devoted to guardianship law within the preceding 24 months.

Sexual Violent Predator (Jimmy Ryce):

_____ Violent Sexual Predator (Jimmy Ryce)

QUALIFICATIONS FOR SEXUAL VIOLENT PREDATOR (JIMMY RYCE)

- □ Member of The Florida Bar with 3 years or more of litigation experience in criminal law.
- □ Trial Experience: 10 criminal trials, 5 of which shall be jury trials, and at least 3 of the jury trials in felony cases.
- □ CLE Requirement: 10 hours education class devoted to criminal law and at least 2 hours devoted to Jimmy Ryce or Sexual Violent Predator within the preceding 24 months.

Other Adult Civil Proceedings:

_____ Adult Protective Services- Ch. 415 F.S.
_____Developmentally Disabled Adult - Ch. 393 F.S.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR OTHER ADULT CIVIL PROCEEDINGS REGISTRY:

- □ Member of The Florida Bar with 3 years or more of litigation experience in civil law.
- □ Trial Experience – Represent a party in at least 5 guardianship cases.
- □ Additional Requirement – must certify familiarity with Ch. 393 and/or 415 F.S. and relevant caselaw; and must also certify competency to provide representation.
- □ CLE Requirement – CLE Requirement: 3 hours devoted to guardianship law within the preceding 24 months.

Other Adult Civil Health Proceedings:

_____Admission of Inmate to Mental Health Facility
_____ Medical Procedures Section 394.459(3) F.S.
_____ Tuberculosis – Ch. 392, F.S.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR OTHER ADULT CIVIL HEALTH PROCEEDINGS REGISTRY:

- □ Member of The Florida Bar with 3 years or more of litigation experience in civil law.
- □ Trial Experience – Represent a party in at least 5 guardianship cases within the preceding three years.
- □ CLE Requirement – CLE Requirement: 3 hours devoted to guardianship law within the preceding 24 months.
- □ Additional Requirement – must certify familiarity with Ch. 384, 392, and/or 394.459(3) F.S. (whichever is applicable) and relevant caselaw; and must also certify competency to provide representation.

Other Children's Civil Registry:

_____ CINS/FINS - Ch. 984, F.S.
_____ Emancipation – Section 43.015, F.S.
_____ Parental Notification of Abortion Act

QUALIFICATIONS FOR OTHER CHILDREN'S CIVIL REGISTRY:

- □ Member of The Florida Bar with 5 years or more of litigation experience in dependency law.
- □ Completed 10 hours of dependency CLE within 24 months preceding the date of this application.
- □ The attorney of record or acted as second chair in at least two judicial bypass cases within the last five years or have been counsel of record in at least six dependency cases, through to their conclusion within the last 5 years.

Children with Certain Special Needs

____ Children with certain special needs

QUALIFICATIONS FOR CHILDREN WTH CERTAIN SPECIAL NEEDS

- □ Member of The Florida Bar with 5 years or more of litigation experience in dependency law.
- □ Trial Experience – Lead counsel in at least 5 dependency trials and 3 termination of parental rights cases during the preceding 3 years and at least one of the following:
  - 1 year experience representing dependency cases within the last 5 years.
  - Have observed at least 30 hours of hearings in dependency cases including at least 1 shelter hearing, 1 dependency adjudicatory hearing, 1 judicial review hearing, 1 hearing pursuant to either rule 8.350 or 8.355, Fla. R. Juv.P., and 1 termination of parental rights trial, all within the past 3 years.
- □ CLE Requirement –10 hours of continuing legal education devoted to the legal needs of children at least 5 hours of which were devoted to representation of children with special needs or disabilities, and at least 1 hour of which was devoted to ethics related to the representation of children within the preceding 24 months.
- □ Additional Requirement - Have reviewed the Florida Guidelines of Practice for Lawyers Who Represent Children in Abuse and Neglect Cases.

Appellate Cases:

____ Capital Appeals (death penalty imposed)
____ Felony Appeals
____ Misdemeanor Appeals
____ Juvenile Delinquency Appeals
____ Dependency Appeals
____ TPR Appeals
____ Civil Appeals

QUALIFICATIONS FOR CAPITAL APPEALS:

- □ Member of The Florida Bar with 5 years or more of litigation experience in criminal law.
- □ Meet the requirements of rule 3.112(h) of the Rules of Criminal Procedure and the requirements of rule 3.113 of the Rules of Criminal Procedure.
- □ Appellate experience – have prior experience in the appeal of at least 1 case where a sentence of death was imposed, as well as prior experience as lead counsel in the appeal of no fewer than 3 felony convictions in federal or state court, at least 1 of which was an appeal of a murder conviction; or alternatively, have prior experience as lead counsel in the appeal of no fewer than 6 felony convictions in federal or state court, at least 2 of which were appeals of a murder conviction
- □ CLE Requirement -- 10 hours of appellate law in the preceding 24 months and 12 hours devoted to the defense of capital cases within the preceding 24 months.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR FELONY APPEALS:

- □ Member of The Florida Bar with 3 years or more of litigation experience in criminal law.
- □ Trial Experience: 3 criminal appeals or 5 criminal trials, at least 3 of which were felonies.
- □ Meet the requirements of rule 3.112(g) of the Rules of Criminal Procedure -Co-counsel and the requirements of rule 3.113 of the Rules of Criminal Procedure.
- □ CLE Requirement: 10 hours of appellate law within the preceding 24 months.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR MISDEMEANOR APPEALS:

- □ Member of The Florida Bar with 2 years or more of litigation experience in criminal law.
- □ Trial Experience: 3 criminal appeals or 5 criminal trials, at least 3 of which were misdemeanors.
- □ CLE Requirement: 10 hours of appellate law within the preceding 24 months.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR JUVENILE DELINQUENCY APPEALS:

- □ Member of The Florida Bar with 3 years or more of litigation experience in juvenile delinquency law.
- □ Trial Experience: 3 criminal appeals or 5 criminal trials, at least 3 of which were delinquencies.
- □ CLE Requirement: 10 hours of appellate law within the preceding 24 months.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR DEPENDENCY AND TPR APPEALS:

- □ Member of The Florida Bar with 3 years or more of litigation experience in dependency law.
- □ Represented a party as lead counsel or secondary counsel in 2 different appellate cases over the last 5 years, including the preparation and filing of a brief with a District Court of Appeal or with the Supreme Court of Florida, in a juvenile dependency or termination of parental rights case.
- □ CLE Requirement: 3 hours earned in dependency law within the preceding 24 months.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR CIVIL APPEALS:

- □ Member of The Florida Bar with 3 years or more of litigation experience in civil law.
- □ Experienced appellate practitioner who has represented clients in at least 5 appeals.
- □ CLE Requirement: 10 hours appellate law within the preceding 24 months.

ATTACH THE FOLLOWING SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

1. Proof of completion of required CLE's.
2. Print out of member profile from The Florida Bar website, including any documents referenced in a 10-year disciplinary history.

CERTIFICATION:

Any attorney who is disbarred, suspended, etc., or is otherwise the subject of discipline by the Florida Bar or who has had a legal malpractice case filed against him/her, must notify Court Administration within seven (7) days of the filing of the complaint, order or other charging document. In addition, any attorney who is under criminal investigation or has pending criminal charges against him/her must immediately notify Court Administration. Failure to provide such information may result in his/her immediate removal from the registry.

I certify that all of the statements contained herein and on any attachments are true, correct, complete, and made in good faith. I understand that any omissions, falsifications, misstatements, or misrepresentations above may disqualify me for consideration and, if I am accepted to the registry, may be grounds for refusal of appointment or dismissal at a later date, and that you may be reported to The Florida Bar. I understand that if appointed, I am required to adhere to the contract with the Justice Administrative Commission, and applicable policies and procedures established by the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit and/or Justice Administrative Commission.

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Signature of Applicant Date

Please submit completed application and supporting documents by June 13, 2025

E-MAIL YOUR APPLICATION TO: Cac19@circuit19.org