



**DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO
CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACT PANEL APPLICATION
For Calendar Year 2021**

The following application is to be completed by attorneys who wish to serve on the CJA Panel in the District of New Mexico. **PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION to Marc H. Robert, CJA Resource Counsel (marc_robert@fd.org), ON OR BEFORE JULY 31, 2020 IF YOU WISH FOR IT TO BE CONSIDERED FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2021.** If more room is needed for complete answers to any questions, please attach additional pages.

1. Background Information

Last Name First Name Middle Initial

Name of Firm

Street Address

City State Zip Code

Office Phone Number Office Fax Number Cell Phone Number

Email Address

States of Admission	Bar Numbers	Dates of Admission

2. Areas of Experience (Please indicate number of cases you have defended in each practice area or employing each special skill.)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Computer Forensics | <input type="checkbox"/> Violent Offenses/Hobbs Act |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Firearms Offenses | <input type="checkbox"/> White Collar Cases |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Indian Country Prosecutions | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Large Narcotics Conspiracy Prosecutions | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Psychiatric and Psychological Issues | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Re-Entry/Immigration Cases | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sentencing Mitigation | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sex Offenses | |

Please briefly explain your training and experience in these fields.

3. Please indicate any languages other than English you speak, and indicate your level of fluency in each.

4. Please mark if you have attended a CLE seminar on any of the following topics in the past three years.

United States Sentencing Guidelines
Federal Criminal Law
Federal Rules of Evidence
Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure
Electronically Stored Information (ESI)

Please briefly describe the training.

5. Are you willing to attend six hours of continuing legal education per year offered by the Federal Public Defender? Yes ☐ No ☐

Applicants for the General Felony panel must have at least five years criminal practice experience or three years as an Assistant United States Attorney or Assistant Federal Public Defender; ten felony trials, at least three of which are federal trials; or alternatively significant federal non-trial experience or significant state court trial experience.

Members of the Complex Case panel will be appointed in multi-defendant cases or cases which are complex based on their nature of the prosecution, number of defendants or novel issues of law. Complex cases will include without limitation those presenting a possible maximum sentence of life in prison, cases with multiple charges or cases with multiple defendants. Applicants will have had demonstrated experience in cases of this nature.

Members of the Auxiliary Panel will handle such matters as misdemeanor offenses within federal jurisdiction and material witness representation.

Members of the Appeal/Habeas panel will handle direct appeals to the Tenth Circuit, district court representation in 2241, 2254 and 2255 proceedings or related litigation, such as was seen in connection with the *Johnson* and the First Step Act cases. **Please attach a writing sample to your application if applying for this panel.**

- Las Cruces General Felony
Las Cruces Complex
Las Cruces Auxiliary
Roswell Auxiliary

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Please describe other relevant experience. Please briefly explain your training and experience in these fields. If needed, please attach additional pages.

8. Have you read and are you familiar with:

The Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
The Federal Rules of Evidence?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
The Federal Sentencing Guidelines?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
The Bail Reform Act?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

Please describe your experience with each of the above.

9. Do you have:

A physical office in which to meet clients and family?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Unrestricted internet access?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
A CM/ECF account?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Access to an online legal research account like Westlaw or Lexis?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
The ability and willingness to accept collect phone calls from prisons and jails?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
The ability and willingness to regularly visit your clients in-custody?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
The ability to receive, organize, and review discovery in an electronic format?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
The ability to participate in a trial lasting more than ten days?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

- 10.** Please describe your experience with case management and courtroom presentation software such as PowerPoint, Adobe Acrobat/Pro, DtSearch, Casemap and Timemap, Trial Director or other similar programs:

- 11.** Are you interested in handling § 2255 actions? Yes ☐ No ☐

If so, please describe your experience in handling IAC claims and other post-conviction proceedings.

- 12.** Are you interested in death penalty defense? Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, please briefly explain your training and experience in this area.

- 13.** Are you a member of the CJA panel in any other jurisdiction, including Circuit panels?
Yes ☐ No ☐

If so where?

- 14.** Have you ever been removed from a CJA panel? Yes ☐ No ☐

If so, please explain.

- 15.** Where did you go to law school, and in what year did you receive your JD degree?

- 16.** Have you ever been disciplined before any court in which you have appeared, or been found in contempt by any court? Yes ☐ No ☐

If so, please explain.

- 17.** Have you ever been found to have provided ineffective assistance of counsel? Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, please explain.

18. Do you anticipate using any associate(s) to assist in the representation of CJA clients? If so, please provide the name of the associate(s) and their years of criminal law experience.

19. Are you able to accept approximately six felony CJA cases per year? Yes ☐ No ☐

20. Are you willing to serve as a mentor for a lawyer less experienced in federal criminal cases as a part of a structured mentorship program? Yes ☐ No ☐

21. Are you willing to gain experience by participating in a structured mentorship program as a mentee, at a reduced hourly compensation rate for your service in those cases? Yes ☐ No ☐

22. Please provide three references, including one prosecutor, who are familiar with your legal skills.

Name Phone Number or Email

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23. Why do you want to be a member of the CJA panel?

I certify that I am a member in good standing with the District of New Mexico; and that the information I have provided is true and correct.

Dated: _____

Signature

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Comment and Forms box, Select **Document and Markups**.
Please submit to Marc H. Robert via email at marc_robert@fd.org