

MAINE COMMISSION ON INDIGENT LEGAL SERVICES

Application for Juvenile Assignments

Name: _____ Bar Number: _____

There are two categories for the juvenile specialized panel: Felony/Sex Offense & Bind-over Hearings. For each case type that you are interested in becoming eligible for please complete that part of the application.

If you do not satisfy the experience, trial practice, or CLE requirements for any category, you may apply for a waiver in Part 3 of this application.

PART 1 – FELONY AND SEX OFFENSE CASES

A. Experience

1. Do you have at least one year of juvenile law practice experience (excluding law school experience) Yes_____ No_____
2. Have you handled at least ten juvenile cases to conclusion? Yes_____ No_____
3. Have you tried at least five contested juvenile hearings (including but not limited to, detention hearings, evidentiary hearings, adjudication hearings, and dispositional hearings)? Yes_____ No_____

B. Continuing Legal Education - In the past three years have you earned at least 4 hours of CLE credit on two or more of the following topics related to juvenile defense:

- Placement options and dispositional alternatives
- Child development, adolescent mental health diagnosis and treatment
- Collateral consequences of juvenile adjudication
- Competence

Yes_____ No_____

C. Letter of Interest - Please provide a letter explaining your interest in and qualifications for representing juveniles in felony and sex offense cases.

PART 2 –BIND-OVER HEARINGS

A. Experience

1. Do you have at least two years of juvenile law practice experience (excluding law school experience) Yes_____ No_____
2. Have you handled at least twenty juvenile cases to conclusion in the past ten years?
Yes_____ No_____

3. Have you tried at least ten contested juvenile hearings (including but not limited to, detention hearings, evidentiary hearings, adjudication hearings, and dispositional hearings in the past ten years)? Yes_____ No_____

B. **Continuing Legal Education** - In the past three years have you earned at least 8 hours of CLE credit that cover all of the following topics related to juvenile defense:

- Placement options and dispositional alternatives
- Child development, adolescent mental health diagnosis and treatment
- Collateral consequences of juvenile adjudication
- Competency and bind-over procedures

Yes_____ No_____

C. **Letter of Interest** - please provide a letter explaining your interest in and qualifications for representing juveniles in bind-over hearings.

PART 3: WAIVER

Statement of reasons for waiver request (may attach additional sheets if necessary):

If you seek a waiver from any of the specific requirements, please submit three (3) letters of reference from attorneys with whom you do not practice that assert you are qualified to provide representation in the case type(s) you are applying for. The letters of reference must be submitted directly to the Executive Director by the author.

Please provide the names of the attorneys who will be submitting letters on your behalf:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Applicant's Signature

Date

Please submit this application to MCILS by email, fax, or mail:

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