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The U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit is accepting applications to serve on the court's Criminal Justice Act ("CJA") Panel including: (1) applications from attorneys not currently on the panel; and (2) reapplications from panel members whose terms expire on **September 30, 2021**. To be considered for membership, an attorney must be a member of the bar of the court in good standing; have a demonstrated knowledge of, and experience with, federal criminal law and appellate procedure; have a commitment to indigent criminal defense; and be willing to accept at least one CJA appellate appointment each year.

Instructions and application forms may be downloaded from the court's website at www.ca1.uscourts.gov under the "CJA Materials" tab. They may also be obtained from the Clerk of Court. Attorneys not currently on the panel should complete the form titled "Questionnaire and Application for Membership on the First Circuit Criminal Justice Act ("CJA") Panel" and submit the attachments identified in the form. Panel members who are reapplying should complete the form titled "Reapplication for Membership on the First Circuit Criminal Justice Act ("CJA") Panel" and submit the attachments identified in the form.

Three paper copies of the completed form and attachments should be mailed to the Clerk and must be received no later than June 11, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. Applications cannot be submitted electronically.

Applications will be reviewed by the CJA Panel Advisory Committee, which will make recommendations to the Court. Applicants will be notified in the early fall. Appointments and reappointments will be for a four-year term. Attorneys whose terms do not expire on September 30, 2021 should not reapply at this time; rather, they will be given an opportunity to reapply closer to the expiration date of their term. Attorneys who want to confirm when their term expires can consult the First Circuit website under the "CJA Materials" tab for a list of current panel members and if questions arise should contact Zuleen Nova at (617) 748-9380 or CJA Coordinator Kaitlin Copson at (617) 748-9066.