

NOTICE TO THE BAR

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

ANNOUNCEMENT OF VACANCIES ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACT TRAINING PANEL* FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

Since 1971, the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey has maintained a list of attorneys to be appointed as counsel for eligible defendants pursuant to the Criminal Justice Act ("CJA"), 18 U.S.C. §3006A. The Court has adopted a CJA Plan, revised as of December 10, 1997 and effective September 11, 1998, which "particularize(s) the requirements of the CJA, the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988 . . . and the CJA Guidelines in a way that meets the needs of this district." In summary, the CJA Plan has established a Panel Selection and Management Committee which meets annually to consider applications for the District's CJA Panel. The District's CJA Panel consists of approximately 100 attorneys, divided by Vicinage, who are members in good standing of the Bar of this District, and have trial experience and knowledge of the Federal Rules of Criminal and Appellate Procedure, the Federal Rules of Evidence, the Federal Sentencing Guidelines and the Local Rules of both the District and Circuit Courts. The CJA Committee selects attorneys for the CJA Panel based upon merit and experience.

Attorneys seeking membership on the CJA Panel who need experience to meet the eligibility requirements may pursue membership in the CJA Training Program. The Training Program will provide an opportunity to acquire the required experience by pairing mentees with mentors by assigning them to a case(s) with an experienced member of the CJA Panel. The case(s) must be of sufficient complexity to warrant the services of two attorneys. The mentee will work on the case(s) under the supervision of the lead CJA Panel attorney, and will bill for services at a reduced hourly rate as established by the Court, currently \$75 per hour. Once accepted, participation in the CJA Training Program will take 12-18 months to complete.

Applications are currently being accepted for the CJA Training Program. The Court invites all attorneys interested in becoming members of the CJA Training Panel to submit an application

to William T. Walsh, Clerk, United States District Court, via e-mail at **njdcja_training@njd.uscourts.gov**; on or before January 27, 2017. The document must be in PDF format. Application forms, copies of the CJA Plan, and copies of the Training Program Protocol may be obtained from the Clerk of Court in Newark, Trenton and Camden, or may be downloaded from the Court's website at: <http://www.njd.uscourts.gov/panel-information>. No application will be considered unless it is received no later than January 27, 2017. It is anticipated that the application and selection process will be completed by March 2017.

The Training Program Selection Committee shall determine membership on the CJA Training Panel on the basis of merit and experience, without regard to race, color, religion, gender, age, national origin, or disability.

Any inquiries regarding the Training Program application process should be directed to William T. Walsh, Clerk, United States District Court, Martin Luther King, Jr. Building & U.S. Courthouse, 50 Walnut Street, Room 4015, Newark, New Jersey, 07101, telephone number 973-645-6697, or William Holland, Director of Court Services, 402 E. State Street, Room 2020, Trenton, NJ 08608, telephone number 609-989-2328, email bill_holland@njd.uscourts.gov.

Acceptance and participation in the CJA Training Program will not guarantee the admission of an attorney to the CJA Panel.

* Implementation of the Training Program is pending approval of the Third-Circuit Judicial Council.