

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
Southern District of Florida**

**Cecilia M. Altonaga
Chief United States District Judge**

**Angela E. Noble
Clerk of the Court**

PUBLIC NOTICE CONCERNING CJA PANEL MEMBERSHIP

The United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida is seeking applicants for the SDFL Criminal Justice Act Panel (CJA Panel) for a three-year term beginning October 1, 2026.

The CJA Panel is comprised of private attorneys who are authorized to serve as appointed defense counsel pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3006A. In accordance with the CJA Plan for the SDFL, attorneys must meet the following minimum qualifications to apply for the CJA Panel:

Be a member in good standing of the Bar for the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals, the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida and the Florida Bar;

Have at least five years criminal practice experience as an attorney licensed to practice in any state or the District of Columbia, or three years of experience as an Assistant Federal Public Defender or Assistant United States Attorney;

For the trial panel, have participated in ten felony trials of which at least three were in federal felony trials. Any applicant who has not tried at least three federal criminal jury trials must audit three pre-trial proceedings including motions hearings, three sentencing hearings, and three jury trials in federal criminal cases;

For the appellate panel, have participated in at least ten felony appeals; and

Be familiar with the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, the Federal Rules of Evidence, and the Federal Sentencing Guidelines.

Applications must be emailed to FLS_CJA_App@fd.org.

Applications are due by July 31, 2026.

The application form is available at <https://www.flsd.uscourts.gov/criminal-justice-act-cja> or <https://www.flsd.uscourts.gov/sites/flsd/files/forms/CJA-Application-FLSD.pdf>.