

# **Court Appointed / Conflict Attorney Application – FY 2019-2020**

Please provide the following information as part of the application process to be on the Registry for Court Appointed/Conflict Attorneys. This application must be completed in its entirety if you wish to be considered for appointment as a court appointed/conflict attorney in the Second Judicial Circuit. <u>Attach current resume and proof of CLE, together with list of cases previously tried, which qualify you for appointment for your chosen registry lists</u>.

Applicant Information								
*Full Name:	FL Bar #:							
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application and I appointed/conflict	ve read the qualifications attached to this lication and I am qualified to be a court binted/conflict attorney for the cases I have cked on this application.  I am familiar with the practice and procedure of the Second Judicial Circuit, and I will adhere to any applicable Administrative Orders of the Second Judicial Circuit.							
I am familiar with Expenses set by			of The F		and abide by the lew Committee w			
I will not solicit co or other client tha			a Contra Adminis	act For Services strative Commis	intments, I agre with the Justic sion and to con f such contract.	e nply with the		
After reviewing the attached qualifications, please check the appropriate block(s) for which you are qualified to serve and are applying to be put on the rotation list effective July 1, 2018								
Cases	Franklin	Gadsden Gadsden	Jefferson	Leon	Liberty	Wakulla		
Misdemeanor (Misdemeanor/Criminal Traffic, Local Ordinance)								
Delinquency								
Felony								
<sup>1st</sup> Degree Felony, Life, and PBL								
2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Degree Felony								



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County to Circuit						
Jimmy Ryce						
Delinquency						
Dependency						
3.800 / 3.850 (post conviction)						
Dependency						
Attorney for Parent						
Attorney ad Litem for Child a.k.a. Children's Attorney" or "Attorney for the Child": includes Children with Special Needs (CSN)						
Civil			_			
Adult Protective Service						
Baker Act						
Marchman Act						
Probate / Guardianship						
Other						



#### **Qualifications for Court Appointed/Conflict Private Counsel**

#### **Criminal Cases**

- 1. Be a member in good standing of The Florida Bar.
- 2. Have attended within the previous 12 months a minimum of ten hours of Florida Bar approved continuing legal education devoted to criminal law.
- 3. Meet the following experience requirements:
- a) In misdemeanor cases the attorney shall have been a member of The Florida Bar for at least one year and an experienced and active trial practitioner with no fewer than three state or federal jury or nonjury trials.
- b) In second and third degree felony cases the attorney shall have been a member of The Florida Bar for at least two years and an experienced and active trial practitioner with no fewer than seven state or federal jury or non-jury trials.
- c) In (first degree) life felony cases, PBL, 3.850, capital sexual battery cases and Jimmy Ryce cases, the attorney shall have been a member of The Florida Bar for at least five years and an experienced and active trial practitioner with no fewer than ten state or federal jury trials.
- d) In capital death penalty cases the attorney shall comply with rule 3.112(f-g), Florida Rules of Criminal Procedure (Lead and Second Chair).

#### **Criminal Appellate Cases**

- 1. Be a member in good standing of The Florida Bar.
- 2. Have attended within the previous 12 months a minimum of ten hours of Florida Bar approved continuing legal education devoted to criminal law.
- 3. Meet the following experience requirements:
- a) In misdemeanor and felony third degree appeals shall have been a member of The Florida Bar for at least two years, an experienced and active trial or appellate practitioner in the field of criminal law or have prior experience in the appeal of at least three criminal cases.
- b) In non-capital felony appeals and Jimmy Ryce cases shall have been a member of The Florida Bar for at least three years, an experienced and active practitioner in the field of appellate criminal law or have experience in the appeal of at least five criminal cases.
- c) In capital death penalty appeals the attorney shall comply with rule 3.112(h), Florida Rules of Criminal Procedure.

#### Juvenile

In juvenile cases the attorney shall have been a member of The Florida Bar for at least one year and an experienced and active trial practitioner with no fewer than three delinquency dispositions or three state or federal jury or non-jury trials.



## **Dependency Cases**

- 1. Be a member in good standing of The Florida Bar.
- 2. Meet the following experience requirements:
- a) In dependency cases the attorney shall have observed a total of thirty hours of hearings which shall include six shelter hearings, three dependency hearings and one termination of parental rights hearing and attend annually, at least three hours of continuing legal education at the Dependency Court Improvement Project Conference, or an equivalent.
- b) In termination of parental rights cases the attorney shall have at least ten dependency trials, or one year of dependency experience.
- c) In appellate cases the attorney shall have at least three years experience in dependency or appellate law and must have been lead counsel in a minimum of three contested dependency trials and three contested termination of parental right trials or demonstrate knowledge through experience in the practice of family law.

#### Children with Special Needs

- 1. Met the minimum requirements for court-appointed counsel established by the Chief Judge in each circuit in which I seek to participate in the registry including any local requirements for court-appointed attorneys appointed to represent children in dependency cases.
- 2. (A) Have at least one (1) year of experience representing children in dependency cases within the last five (5) years; or
  - (B) Currently supervised by an attorney that has at least one (1) year of experience representing children in dependency cases; or
  - (C) Have observed at least thirty (30) hours of hearings in dependency cases including at least one (1) shelter hearing, one (1) dependency adjudicatory hearing, one (1) judicial review hearing, one (1) hearing pursuant to either rule 8.350 or 8.355, Fla R. Juv.P. and one (1) termination of parental rights trial.
- 3. Within the last two (2) years, attended at least ten (10) hours of continuing legal education devoted to the legal needs of children, at least five (5) hours of which were devoted to representation of children with special needs or disabilities and at least one (1) hour of which was devoted to ethics related to the representation of children, or if not, will complete the requisite CLE requirements within 3 months of being placed on the CSN registry.
- 4. Reviewed the Florida Guidelines for Practice of Lawyers Who Represent Children in Abuse and Neglect cases.



## **Guardianship and Other Civil Appointments**

- 1. Member of The Florida Bar; and
- 2. Active in the practice of law for at least two years.
- 3. Attorney in guardianship cases shall, at a minimum, have completed the required course instruction and training covering the legal duties and responsibilities of a guardian, the rights of a ward, the availability of local resources to aid a ward, and the preparation of habilitation plans and annual guardianship reports, including accountings.

# **Disclaimer and Signature**

I certify that the answers given herein are true and complete. I understand that false or misleading information given in my application or omission of information requested will be grounds for refusal of appointment or dismissal.

It's important that you also inform us if you are assigned to Conflict Attorney cases in other circuits/counties in the State of Florida.

Signature:	FL Bar #:
	Date:

ALL APPOINTMENTS TO THE REGISTRY ARE SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE CHIEF JUDGE, ON RECOMMENDATION OF THE PERFORMANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE.

Your completed application and resume must be received in the Court Administrator's office no later than Wednesday, May 15, 2019 by 5:00pm to be considered for the "registry" starting July 1, 2019.

Paula Watkins Second Judicial Circuit c/o Court Administrator's Office, Room 225 301 S. Monroe Street Tallahassee, FL 32301