

Instructions for MCILS OUI & Domestic Violence Applications:

1. Before beginning this application, review the applicable eligibility requirements outlined in Chapter 3 of the Commission rules.
2. Applications must be typed and submitted using the fillable PDF document provided. Handwritten applications will NOT be considered.
3. Carefully read and complete all required fields. Incomplete applications will NOT be considered.
4. You must submit proof of completion of the CLE requirement with this application. Applications without the proof of completion will NOT be considered.
5. If you are requesting a waiver, your references must submit their letters directly to the Executive Director at MCILS@maine.gov. Your application will NOT be considered until all three letters are received by MCILS.
6. Please submit your completed application and proof of CLE completion to the Executive Director at MCILS@maine.gov.

MAINE COMMISSION ON INDIGENT LEGAL SERVICES

Applications for OUI & Domestic Violence Specialized Case Types

Applicant Name: _____ Bar Number: _____

Please check the case type(s) you are applying for:

___ Domestic Violence ___ Operating Under the Influence

Operating Under the Influence

A. Do you have at least one year of criminal law experience?

Yes _____ No _____

If your answer to (A) is no, please provide information on the last page of this application explaining the need for a waiver and your experience and qualifications to provide representation for individuals charged with OUI despite your lack of the required years of criminal law experience.

B. Have you tried before a judge or jury as first chair at least two criminal cases within the last ten years?

Yes _____ No _____ How many? _____

C. Have you conducted at least two contested hearings within the last ten years?

Yes _____ No _____ How many? _____

If your answer to any part of questions (B) or (C) is no, please provide information on the last page of this application explaining the need for a waiver and your experience and qualifications to provide representation for individuals charged with OUI despite your lack of the required trial experience.

D. In the past three years have you earned at least 4 hours of CLE credit on topics relevant to OUI defense?

Yes _____ No _____

E. Please outline your reasons for interest in and qualifications for representing individuals charged with OUI (attach additional sheets if necessary).

Domestic Violence

A. Do you have at least one year of criminal law experience?

Yes _____ No _____

If your answer to (A) is no, please provide information on the last page of this application explaining the need for a waiver and your experience and qualifications to provide representation for individuals charged with domestic violence offenses despite your lack of the required years of criminal law experience.

B. Have you tried before a judge or jury as first chair at least two criminal cases within the last ten years?

Yes _____ No _____ How many? _____

C. Have you conducted at least two contested hearings within the last ten years?

Yes _____ No _____ How many? _____

If your answer to any part of questions (B) or (C) is no, please provide information on the last page of this application explaining the need for a waiver and your experience and qualifications to provide representation for individuals charged with domestic violence offenses despite your lack of the required litigation experience.

D. In the past three years have you earned at least 4 hours of CLE credit on topics relevant to domestic violence defense which included training on the collateral consequences of such convictions?

Yes _____ No _____

E. Please outline your reasons for interest in and qualifications for representing individuals charged with a domestic violence crime (attach additional sheets if necessary).

WAIVER

Statement of reasons for waiver request (may attach additional sheets if necessary). Please note the case type(s) and question(s) you are responding to.

If you seek a waiver, please submit three letters of reference from attorneys with whom you do not practice that assert that 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.

Applicant's Signature

Date