

**Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services**

**Chapter 3: Eligibility Requirements for Specialized Case Types**

**Attorney's Name:**

**Bar Number:**

**1. Application for Homicide Assignments**

- A. Do you have at least five years of criminal law experience?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ How many? \_\_\_\_\_ year(s) \_\_\_\_\_ month(s)

If your answer to (A) is no, are you requesting a waiver from this requirement? \_\_\_\_\_  
If you are requesting a waiver please provide information explaining the need for a waiver and your experience and qualifications to provide representation for individuals charged with Homicide 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 five felony cases within the last ten years?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ How many? \_\_\_\_\_
- a. Are at least two of these five felony cases serious violent felonies, homicide, or Class C or higher sex offense cases?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ How many? \_\_\_\_\_  
Name the most serious charge for at least two of these cases?
- b. Were at least two of these five felony cases tried before a jury? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ How many?  
\_\_\_\_\_ Name the Court and approximate date(s) for at least two of the jury cases?

If your answer to any question under (B) is no, are you requesting a waiver from this requirement? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_. If you are requesting a waiver please provide information explaining the need for a waiver and your experience and qualifications to provide representation for individuals charged with Homicide despite your lack of required trial experience.

C. Have you tried as first chair a homicide case in the last fifteen years OR have you tried as second chair at least one homicide case with an experienced homicide defense attorney within the past five years?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Name the Court, the case name, docket number, and approximate trial date(s). If you served as second chair, please identify lead counsel.

D. Please outline your knowledge and familiarity with the evidentiary issues relevant to homicide cases, including but not limited to forensic and scientific issues relating to DNA testing and fingerprint analysis, mental health issues, and eyewitness identification.

E. Please outline your reasons for interest in and qualifications for representing individuals charged with homicide.

F. Provide the names of attorneys with whom you do not practice who will be submitting letters of reference directly to MCILS that describe your qualifications to represent individuals charged with homicide, including OUI manslaughter.

a. \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_

c. \_\_\_\_\_

Please attach additional sheets if needed.