

Instructions for MCPDS Application for Appeals:

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. If you are requesting a waiver your references must submit their letters directly to the Executive Director at PDS@Maine.gov. Your application will NOT be considered until all three letters are received by MCPDS.
5. Please submit your completed application to the Executive Director at PDS@Maine.gov.

MAINE COMMISSION ON PUBLIC DEFENSE SERVICES

Applicant Name: _____

Bar Number: _____

Please check the case types you are applying for:

Other Appeal Child Protective Appeal Homicide Appeal PCR

Child Protective Appeals

1. Have you provided representation in five or more Child Protective Appeals in the Maine Supreme Judicial Court, either individually or as co-counsel?

YES NO

2. Please provide copies of all briefs filed, and the opinions/decisions rendered in the five most recent appeals you have handled.

3. Have you been deemed Eligible to accept Child Protective case assignments?

YES NO

4. Please submit an explanation of your interest and qualifications for providing representation on appeals, including a description your experience with appeals, representative examples of issues raised on appeal, and a summary of the results of those appeals.

5. I Certify that I have read, understand, and agree to comply with all Commission Standards of Practice. I so certify

6. If the applicant seeks a waiver, the applicant shall submit three letters of reference from attorneys, at least one of whom does not work within the same firm as applicant, asserting that the applicant is qualified to provide representation in appeal cases. The letters of reference must be submitted directly to the Executive Director by the authors. Applicants may alternatively submit the names and contact information for five attorneys willing to provide references if contacted by PDS staff directly. At least two of these references must be attorneys who do not work within the same firm as the applicant.

Homicide Appeals

1. Have you provided representation in seven or more criminal appeals in the Maine Supreme Judicial Court, either individually or as co-counsel, within the last ten years?

YES NO

2. Have you completed oral argument in at least two criminal appeals before the Maine Supreme Judicial Court?

YES NO

3. Please provide copies of all briefs filed, and the opinions/decisions rendered in the seven most recent criminal appeals you have handled.

4. Please submit an explanation of your interest and qualifications for providing representation on appeals, including a description your experience with appeals, representative examples of issues raised on appeal, and a summary of the results of those appeals.

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Other Criminal Appeals

1. Have you provided representation in five or more criminal appeals in the Maine Supreme Judicial Court, either individually or as co-counsel, within the last ten years?

YES NO

2. Have you completed oral argument in at least one criminal appeal before the Maine Supreme Judicial Court?

YES NO

3. Provide copies of all briefs filed, and the opinions/decisions rendered in the five most recent criminal appeals you have handled.

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Post Conviction Review

1. Do you have at least three years of criminal defense experience?

YES NO

2. Submit a letter explaining your interest in and qualifications for providing representation in post-conviction review cases, including a description of your criminal law experience generally and how that experience prepared you to address the issues applicable to post-conviction review cases.

3. I certify that I understand that I must have previously qualified to be placed on the trial roster for the case type applicable to the conviction being challenged on post-conviction review assignments I may receive.

I so certify

4. I Certify that I have read, understand, and agree to comply with all Commission Standards of Practice.

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