

Instructions for MCPDS Application for Juvenile Assignments:

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 listed in (D) 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.
6. Please submit your completed application and proof of CLE completion to the Executive Director at PDS@Maine.gov.

MAINE COMMISSION ON INDIGENT LEGAL SERVICES

Application for Juvenile Assignments

Name: _____ Bar Number: _____

There are two categories for the juvenile specialized panel: Felony/Sex Offense & Bind-over Hearings. For each case type that you are interested in becoming eligible for please complete that part of the application.

If you do not satisfy the experience, trial practice, or CLE requirements for any category, you may apply for a waiver in Part 3 of this application.

PART 1 – FELONY AND SEX OFFENSE CASES

A. Experience

1. Do you have at least one year of juvenile defense practice experience
Yes No
2. Have you handled at least ten juvenile cases to conclusion? Yes No
3. Have you tried at least five contested juvenile hearings individually or as co-counsel within the past ten years(including but not limited to, detention hearings, evidentiary hearings, adjudication hearings, and dispositional hearings)? Yes No

B. I have completed the Commission's Juvenile Law Minimum Standards Training
Yes No

C. Letter of Interest - Please explain your interest in and qualifications for representing juveniles in felony and sex offense cases.

PART 2 –BIND-OVER HEARINGS

A. Experience

1. Do you have at least two years of juvenile law defense practice experience
Yes No
2. Have you handled at least twenty juvenile cases to conclusion in the past ten years?
Yes No

3. Have tried, individually or as co-counsel, at least 10 contested juvenile hearings (including but not limited to: detention hearings, evidentiary hearings, adjudication hearings, and dispositional hearings) in the last ten years?

Yes No

B. **Continuing Legal Education** - In the past three years have you earned at least 8 hours of CLE credit that cover all of the following topics related to juvenile defense:

- Placement options and dispositional alternatives
- Child development, adolescent mental health diagnosis and treatment
- Collateral consequences of juvenile adjudication
- Competency and bind-over procedures

Yes No

C. **Letter of Interest** - please provide a letter explaining your interest in and qualifications for representing juveniles in bind-over hearings.

PART 3: WAIVER

Statement of reasons for waiver request (may attach additional sheets if necessary):

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.

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

Applicant's Signature

Date