

Instructions for MCPDS Application for Major Felonies:

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 PDS@Maine.gov. Your application will NOT be considered until all three letters are received by MCPDS.
6. Please submit your completed application to the Executive Director at PDS@Maine.gov.

MAINE COMMISSION ON PUBLIC DEFENSE SERVICES

Application for Major Felony Assignments

Name: _____ Bar Number: _____

1. Do you have at least two years of criminal defense practice experience?
Yes No How many? _____ year(s) _____ months

If your answer to (1) is no, please provide information explaining the need for a waiver.

2. Have you tried before a jury, individually or as co-counsel at least four criminal cases in the last ten years? Yes No How many? _____

Name the most serious charge of these criminal cases:

- c. If your answer to any part of question (2) is no, please provide information explaining the need for a waiver and your experience and qualifications to provide representation for individuals charged with a Major Felony.

3. Please outline your reasons for interest in and qualifications for representing individuals charged with a Major Felony.

4. 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.

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

Applicant's Signature

Date