

Instructions for MCPDS Application for Protective Custody Matters:

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 PUBLIC DEFENSE SERVICES

Application for Protective Custody Cases

Attorney's Name:

Bar Number:

A. Litigation Requirement- Have you done one of the following:

1) Provided representation to parents in at least three unrelated Child Protective cases from the preliminary protective order stage through disposition of the cases within the past ten years; or

2) Served as co-counsel with an attorney who is Eligible to receive Commission Child Protective case assignments on two or more assigned Child Protective cases for at least twelve months prior to the date of the application;

Yes No

If your answer to (A) is, "No", are you requesting a waiver from this requirement?

Yes No

If you are requesting a waiver, you must complete section (D).

B. Have you completed the Commission's Child Protective Minimum Standards Training?

Yes No Date Completed _____

C. Provide a statement explaining reasons for interest in and qualifications for representing parents in protective custody proceedings:

D. If you are requesting a waiver of the contested hearing requirement:

a Provide a statement below explaining the need for a waiver and your experience and qualifications to provide representation in protective custody matters:

b 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.

E. Have you tried as a first or second chair a termination of parental rights hearing?

Yes No

F. If you have not tried as a first or second chair a termination of parental rights hearing, or if you have less than six months of child protection experience, then you must file a request with MCPDS for a more experienced attorney to serve as a second chair to assist you with your first contested termination of parental rights hearing irrespective of how many consented-to termination hearings you may have participated in.

Initial here to acknowledge this requirement: _____

I acknowledge that by submitting this application, or by accepting assignments made in reliance on this application, I certify the accuracy of its contents. I further certify that I have read, understand, and agree to be bound by all of the Commission rules and standards of practice.

Date:

Signature: _____

Bar Number: _____