

STATE OF MICHIGAN
48th CIRCUIT COURT
ALLEGAN COUNTY

APPLICATION TO SERVE AS
FELONY COURT APPOINTED COUNSEL

Court Address
113 Chestnut St., Allegan MI 49010

Please type or print legibly:

APPLICANT NAME:	
BUSINESS ADDRESS: (street, city, state, zip code)	
BUSINESS PHONE: ()	BUSINESS FAX NO. ()
CELL PHONE (optional): ()	BUSINESS EMAIL:
MICHIGAN STATE BAR MEMBER SINCE:	BAR NO. P-

ATTORNEYS MUST MEET THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:

- Attorney must be fully licensed to practice law in the State of Michigan to receive appointments.
- Attorney must maintain professional liability insurance on him/herself of at least \$500,000 per occurrence, \$250,000 for each individual. (A copy of your certificate of insurance may be attached to this application and/or **must** be on file with the court prior to any court appointment.
- Attorney must have access to fax and e-mail resources, and certify that they access the programs daily.
- Attorney shall have an office in Allegan County. Each attorney must have a telephone number available so that indigent clients will not have to make a toll call when contacting their attorney.

Please explain how you will meet this requirement:

Attorney agrees to hold harmless and indemnify the County of Allegan, the 48th Circuit Court, the Allegan County Board of Commissioners, the Judges of the 48th Circuit Court and their agents, officers and employees from any and all liability arising out of the attorney's acts or omissions arising from any appointment.

ALLEGAN COUNTY ATTORNEY CLASSIFICATIONS:

Master List: This list will consist of eligible attorneys to receive appointments for felony cases in Tier 1, Tier 2 or any felony probation violation.

Limited Appointment List: This list will consist of eligible attorneys to receive appointments for felony cases in Tier II or any felony probation violation.

Felony Alternate List: This list will consist of eligible attorneys that request to participate or wish to be approved for instances where a scheduling or other conflict does not allow one of the attorneys on the other rosters to be assigned.

Please designate the list you wish to apply for: _____

All applications for appointment shall be reviewed by the Indigent Defense Review Board consisting of the Chief Judges of the Circuit, District and Probate Courts and the corporation counsel of the County of Allegan. The Board shall determine, based upon experience, education and the applicable qualifications which, if any, list the applicant will be placed on.

The Indigent Defense Review Board shall meet biannually to review applications. Attorneys placed on either the Felony Alternate list or Limited Appointment list may re-apply after one (1) year to seek reclassification to receive appointments under another level.

ATTORNEY CRITERIA:

1. Legal education (school/year J.D. received): _____

2. Nature of present practice: _____%Criminal _____% Civil _____% Other-explain: _____

3. Criminal defense experience:

a. Number of criminal defense representations within the past three years: _____

b. Number of criminal defense trials within the past three years: jury _____ non-jury _____

c. List your last five criminal cases tried:

	Court/Judge	Trial Date	Offense(s)	Opposing Counsel
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				

4. Other trial experience (civil, juvenile, federal court, etc): _____

5. In lieu of trial experience, I have had second chair experience and/or have participated in a mentor program.
Explain _____

6. Service within the criminal justice system: (specify county or federal entity, date by year)

a. Other Rosters: _____

b. Defender's Office: _____

c. Prosecutor's Office: _____

d. Law School Criminal Clinical Experience (school, years): _____

e. Judicial Clerkship (judge, court, years): _____

f. Other: _____

7. Specialized legal training or experience (appellate, accounting, etc), advanced degrees (LLM) _____

8. Criminal law committees, criminal law sections or criminal defense organizations of which you are a member:

9. Criminal law seminar, workshops or training sessions for which you have been a speaker or presenter:

10. Articles you have published regarding criminal law issues (list article/publication source/date):

11. Are you fluent in any foreign language? No Yes-list languages

12. Have you petitioned any court for debtor protection? No Yes-explain

13. Have you been sanctioned or disciplined by any court or any state bar association? No Yes
If yes, explain:

14. Have you ever been convicted of a criminal offense? No Yes

15. If appointed to represent indigent criminal defendants:

- I will maintain the temperament and demeanor that is sensitive to the needs of representing my clients
- I agree to be mentored or be second-chair to gain criminal practice experience.
- I agree to cooperate with the court's scheduling policies and procedures.
- I will attend mandatory informational training meetings or continuous legal education as scheduled by the court or as required by state law.
- I will cooperate with the court's collections plan in order to assess the defendant's/party's financial ability to pay and to create an individual payment plan.
- I agree to represent my client at all proceedings. If I cannot attend a proceeding on behalf of my client, I agree to obtain substitute counsel from the court's approved roster of defense attorneys.
- I agree to access my fax and e-mail resources daily.
- I understand that if I exhibit unprofessional behavior, actions of significant indiscretion or bad conduct, I may be removed from receiving further defense appointments.

I certify that the above statements are accurate.

Date: Applicant's Signature:

**Return application to: Circuit Court Administrator
113 Chestnut Street
Allegan, MI 49010**