



**Superior Court of California
County of Riverside
Appellate Division
4100 Main St
Riverside, Ca 92501**

Dear Attorney:

Thank you for your inquiry about joining the Riverside Superior Court Appellate Division's panel of attorneys eligible for appointment to represent indigent criminal appellants.

To ensure that appointed attorneys have the skills and experience necessary to provide effective representation on appeal, we must limit new admissions to our panel of attorneys to applicants with strong skills in writing and legal analysis, together with significant experience in criminal law generally, and criminal appellate advocacy in particular.

If you believe that you meet these requirements, please complete the application form and return it with the requested writing samples to the court at the address above. We will evaluate your application and writing samples and advise you whether we will be adding your name to the approved list. The evaluation process is generally completed within 30 days.

Sincerely,

The Judges of the
Appellate Division

Application for Appointment to Appellate Defense Panel

1. Name _____
2. Mailing address _____

3. If you use a post office box, please include an alternative street address for delivery of transcripts _____

4. Telephone number _____
5. Fax number _____
6. E-mail address _____
7. Law school _____
8. Date of graduation _____
9. Honors and activities in law school _____

10. Year admitted to state bar _____
11. State bar of California number _____
12. Describe your membership in any bar associations or sections devoted to criminal appellate practice.

13. Describe any continuing education courses that you have taken within the last three years that are relevant to criminal or appellate practice. Include the date of the course, the length, the subject matter, and the sponsor.

14. Briefly summarize your work experience.

15. Of the years that you have been in practice, how many years have been devoted to the practice of criminal law in trial courts? In appellate courts?

16. Describe your criminal practice in the trial and appellate courts.

17. How many appellant's opening briefs have you filed in criminal appeals?

18. List your two most recent appeals, as well as any especially significant appeals. Include the case name, case number, the date the appellant's opening brief was filed, the result (if any yet), and the citation if the opinion was published.

19. Describe any areas of expertise that you have developed.

20. Describe any limitations on the types of cases in which you are willing to be appointed.
21. List any other indigent appellant panels of which you are currently a member (such as Appellate Defenders, Inc., or any county's appellate division panel) and the date on which you joined that panel.
22. Indicate any foreign languages in which you are proficient. _____
23. List the name, title, address, and telephone number of two references, preferably individuals who are familiar with your appellate work.
24. Enclose two recent writing samples. They should be opening briefs or similarly substantial documents that demonstrate your writing, research, and analytical skills. If they were not written entirely by you, describe the nature and extent of your involvement in their preparation.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the contents of this application are true and correct.

Date _____ Signature _____