

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACT APPLICATIONS

The Criminal Justice Act Committee of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York is soliciting applications from experienced criminal defense attorneys for membership on the CJA Panel for the District. Applications are being accepted now for a three-year period beginning January 1, 2018.

Anyone interested in being considered for the Panel should submit an application by **October 31, 2017**. Applications are available online at the Court's website: <https://www.nyed.uscourts.gov/forms/cja-panel-application> or at the Brooklyn and Central Islip courthouses.

The CJA Committee seeks to expand and diversify the roster of practitioners who are committed to representing indigent defendants who qualify for appointed counsel. Therefore, the Committee encourages members of the New York State criminal bar who wish to practice in the federal courts to consider applying to the EDNY Mentoring Program. The recently revised EDNY Mentoring Program began accepting Mentees in the winter of 2017. Lawyers accepted into the Program are assigned to an experienced federal criminal defense attorney, who works closely with the Mentee on assigned cases. The Program is designed to expose the Mentees to a myriad of issues across the spectrum of representation in federal courts. The Program also includes monthly sessions with EDNY judges and others focused on specific areas of federal criminal practice.

The Co-Directors of the EDNY Mentoring Program are Susan Kellman, Esq. (718)783-8200, and Michael Hueston, Esq., (718)246-2900. Attorneys who have questions about the Program may contact them directly. Otherwise, applications and further information are available on the Court's website at: <https://www.nyed.uscourts.gov/cja-mentoring-program>.