

**UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
TENTH CIRCUIT**

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Re: Applications for the 10th Circuit Appellate CJA Panel

Dear Counsel:

The 10th Circuit recently adopted a greatly revised Criminal Justice Act (CJA) Plan (found at Addendum I to the local rules, *see* www.ca10.uscourts.gov). While this new plan does not change the court's general presumption that trial counsel will continue for the appeal, it allows the court to develop a strong pool of qualified lawyers to take appeals which, for various reasons, require the appointment of new counsel. The court will use this appellate CJA panel, along with the Federal Public Defender's office, as a resource in appointing new lawyers as needed.

Pursuant to the plan the court appointed a CJA Standing Committee to assist in reviewing panel applications. The standing committee meets annually, generally in the first quarter, to make recommendations to the court regarding applications received during the previous year. That process has concluded for 2008. However, panel applications will again be considered in early 2009.

If you are interested in being considered during the next review cycle, please carefully review the application form (*see* **CJA Forms and Links** page on the court's website). Every counsel interested in receiving cold-record CJA appellate appointments must complete the application. Please submit any completed application and supporting materials not later than February 1, 2009.

A list of the attorneys appointed to the court's CJA Standing Committee and the current members of the Tenth Circuit appellate CJA panel may be obtained by contacting the Clerk's Office at 303.844.3157 or the court's CJA Supervising Attorney at 303.335.2846.

We invite you to call the Clerk's Office with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Elisabeth A. Shumaker
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