

FEDERAL CJA PANEL APPLICATIONS

The District Court Executive is accepting applications for appointments of new Federal Criminal Justice Act (CJA) Panel attorneys (appointment of counsel for indigent defendants) for the Unofficial Southern Division of the District of Nevada. Attorneys interested in appointment to the CJA Panel must submit an application to Lance S. Wilson, District Court Executive, by Tuesday, July 1, 2014. Attorneys applying for the Appeal Panel **must** also submit a writing sample. Appointments for the new Panel will be effective October 1, 2014.

Applications are available on the Court's website at www.nvd.uscourts.gov or at the Intake counter of the Clerk's Office in Las Vegas. Applicants must be members in good standing of the bar of the Federal Court and must have demonstrated experience in, and knowledge of, the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, the Federal Rules of Evidence and the Federal Sentencing Guidelines. Attorneys on the CJA Panel also must have demonstrated an interest in providing criminal defense services and a reputation for competent and vigorous representation. Members of the Panel are required to participate in six (6) hours of training in federal criminal practice, with at least three (3) of the six (6) hours on the Federal Sentencing Guidelines, per year which shall be provided through the Federal Public Defender's Office or other Court approved provider of Continuing Legal Education.

Counsel who do not have Federal criminal experience may wish to apply for the Mentor Program. Counsel may apply for the Mentor Program by completing the CJA Panel Application and noting "Mentor Program" in the top right-hand corner.