



**United States District Court
Southern District Of New York**

Colleen McMahon
Chief Judge

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The United States District Court for the Southern District of New York is seeking candidates for its Criminal Justice Act (CJA) Mentoring Program. Ideal candidates are attorneys with five or more years of experience litigating in state court, with fifteen felony trials to verdict as lead counsel or comparable in-court experience. Under the supervision of a member of the CJA Panel, CJA Mentees represent defendants in federal court who qualify for appointed representation under the Criminal Justice Act.

The purpose of the CJA Mentoring Program is to diversify the composition of the CJA Panel—a roster of private attorneys who are authorized to serve as appointed defense counsel pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §3006A—and to expose experienced state court practitioners to federal practice. While the mentee’s initial 15 hours of service will be done pro bono, mentees may earn a reduced rate of \$65 per hour for their services after the pro bono requirement has been fulfilled.

Candidate interviews will be conducted in December. To apply for the program, please email your resume (include cell phone number) to:

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“The Southern District’s CJA Mentoring Program was the first of its kind in the country, and it is the model for similar programs nationwide. It offers experienced state court practitioners the opportunity to qualify for consideration for membership on our Criminal Justice Act Panel, both by exposing them to the legal and practical differences between state and federal criminal practice, and by giving them the opportunity to learn by doing in a federal courtroom under the tutelage of some of the finest federal criminal defense lawyers anywhere.” Chief Judge Colleen McMahon

The mentorship program is open to anyone who qualifies, and women, minorities, and persons with disabilities are particularly encouraged to apply. Participation in the mentorship program does not guarantee appointment to the CJA Panel.