

**ANNOUNCEMENT FOR PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS OF
THE COLUMBUS PANEL OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE
ACT ATTORNEYS**

Pursuant to the Criminal Justice Act Plan adopted by the United States District Court for the Southern District of Ohio, the United States District Court, Eastern Division at Columbus, is soliciting applications from members of the bar of this Court who wish to serve as appointed counsel for indigent criminal defendants under the Criminal Justice Act, 18 U.S.C. §3006A.

Application form. All applicants must complete the approved application form, which can be found on the Court's website, www.ohsd.uscourts.gov. A hard copy of the application form may also be obtained from the Clerk of Court by telephoning 614-719-3000 (Columbus) or by requesting an application by mail addressed to: Clerk, United States District Court, Joseph P. Kinneary Courthouse, 85 Marconi Blvd., Room 121, Columbus, OH 43215 (Columbus).

Application deadline. The deadline for submitting an application is **January 15, 2012**.

Qualifications. All applicants must meet the qualifications set forth in the Criminal Justice Act Plan, Section VI(a)(2). Any member of the Columbus CJA panel can expect to receive and is expected to accept between three and five appointments annually for defendants facing new felony charges. Attorneys whose practice would not permit this volume of representation should consider whether they wish to become a member of the Columbus CJA panel.

Selection process. All applications will be reviewed initially by the Columbus CJA Committee, which, under the Plan, consists of a Magistrate Judge, a representative of the Federal Public Defender's Office, the CJA Panel Attorney representative, and, for purposes of reviewing applications for panel membership, may also include one or more attorneys in private practice who are not applicants for membership on the panel. The Committee may choose to interview applicants as part of this process. The final selection of panel attorneys will be made by the Columbus District Judges.

Size of Panel. In order to insure that each panel member receives an adequate number of appointments on an annual basis, the size of the CJA panels will initially be set at approximately 20 attorneys or at such other size as the Court deems appropriate.

Term of appointment. Panel members serve no set term, and the Court may, from time to time, increase or decrease the size of the panel or alter its membership or remove panel members in accordance with Section VI(A)(9) of the Criminal Justice Act Plan.

Equal opportunity. This Court is committed to providing an equal opportunity for qualified attorneys to be members of its CJA panel without regard to race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin or disabling condition.