

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF PUERTO RICO

**INSTRUCTIONS TO INMATES
APPLYING FOR HABEAS CORPUS REVIEW**

28 U.S.C. § 2254

To file an application for habeas corpus review pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254 you must file an original application form, one copy for each named respondent, and one copy for the Court (for example, if you named two respondents, you must file the original application form and three copies). All copies of the application must be identical to the original.

The Clerk will not file your application unless it conforms to these instructions and the forms are properly rendered.

Your application must be written legibly, preferably type-written. As petitioner, you must sign and declare under penalty of perjury that the facts are correct. If you need additional space to answer a question, you may use the reverse side of the form or additional pages. You are required to furnish the name and address of each named respondent so that the U.S. Marshals Service may effect service of process.

In order to file the application, it must be accompanied with payment of the filing fee. In addition, the U.S. Marshals Service will require payment of mileage, costs, and charges related to the service of process.

If you are unable to pay the filing fee and service costs, you may petition the Court for permission to proceed in forma pauperis. For this purpose, you must complete and file the forms of Motion to Proceed in Forma Pauperis and Affidavit in Support, together with your application. In addition, Section 1915(a)(2) of Title 28 of the United States Code requires that you submit “a certified copy of the trust fund account statement...for the prisoner for the 6-month period immediately preceding the filing of the complaint...obtained from the appropriate official of each prison.” If you fail to submit your copy of the “trust fund account statement,” your application could be dismissed. You should keep copy of these forms for your records.

Once you have completed all forms, you must deliver the originals and copies to: Clerk's Office, U.S. District Court for the District of Puerto Rico, Room 150 Federal Bldg., 150 Carlos Chardón Street, San Juan, Puerto Rico 00918-1767.