



**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF PUERTO RICO**

**APPLICATION TO CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACT (CJA)  
MENTORING PROGRAM**

Pursuant to Section VIII(B)(7) of the [District Court of Puerto Rico's 2025 Criminal Justice Act Plan](#), the Court administers a Criminal Justice Act (CJA) Mentoring Program designed to identify and help prepare qualified attorneys for possible future service on the Court's CJA Panel. The program includes case-based mentoring in a CJA case and participation in the Court's Mentoring Program training modules addressing federal criminal litigation concepts and techniques.

**1. APPLICANT INFORMATION**

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**2. ADMISSION TO THE BAR**

USDCPR Bar Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Admission to the District Court: \_\_\_\_\_

**3. LANGUAGES**

If you are fluent in other languages other than English and Spanish, please specify

Language \_\_\_\_\_ Proficiency \_\_\_\_\_

Language \_\_\_\_\_ Proficiency \_\_\_\_\_

**4. OTHER COURT ADMISSIONS**

Court \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Court \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Court \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

a. Have you served on a CJA Panel in another jurisdiction? Yes  No

If yes, identify jurisdiction(s) and dates of service:

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**5. PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND**

a. Years in Practice: \_\_\_\_\_

b. Primary Area(s) of Practice: \_\_\_\_\_

c. How would you describe your practice?

\_\_\_\_ % Civil                      \_\_\_\_ % Criminal

d. Regarding your criminal practice, please indicate:

\_\_\_\_ % Misdemeanor              \_\_\_\_ % Felony

e. Describe the types of hearings and/or trials in misdemeanor cases:

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f. Describe the types of hearings and/or trials in felony cases:

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g. Regarding evidentiary hearings held, if any, please indicate:

- i. Witness presented on direct examination      \_\_\_\_ Yes      \_\_\_\_ No
- ii. Witness presented on cross examination      \_\_\_\_ Yes      \_\_\_\_ No
- iii. Introduced documentary evidence      \_\_\_\_ Yes      \_\_\_\_ No
- iv. Engaged in direct/cross of expert and/or  
law enforcement witnesses      \_\_\_\_ Yes      \_\_\_\_ No
- v. Suppression Hearing(s)      \_\_\_\_ Yes      \_\_\_\_ No

**6. FEDERAL CIVIL AND/OR CRIMINAL PRACTICE**

a. Describe your experience in federal **criminal** defense work, if any.  
(types/nature of cases)

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b. During your federal practice, have you had the opportunity to participate in the following proceedings, in a civil or criminal case?

- Argue Dispositive Motions  Yes  No
- Examine Witnesses at Evidentiary Hearings  Yes  No
- Cross-Examine Witnesses at Evidentiary Hearings  Yes  No
- Conduct Trials  Yes  No

c. State your level of familiarity with the following Rules and Statutes, using an increasing scale from 1 to 3:

- Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure 1 2 3
- Federal Rules of Evidence 1 2 3
- Local Rules of the District Court 1 2 3
- Unites States Sentencing Guidelines 1 2 3
- Bail Reform Act 1 2 3
- Use of Courtroom Technology 1 2 3

d. Is there a particular type of case or defendant that you would not represent? If so, explain.

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**9. PROGRAM COMMITMENT AND CERTIFICATION**

By signing below, the applicant acknowledges and agrees to participate in case-based mentoring with an assigned mentor in at least one CJA case and to participate in the Court's Mentoring Program training modules and agrees to comply with the professional responsibilities expected of attorneys practicing before this Court.

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_