

**REQUEST FOR INCLUSION ON 10th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
COURT-APPOINTED ATTORNEY REGISTRY**

**Last Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **First Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **M.I.:** \_\_\_ **Suffix:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ **Fax:** (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**1. I will accept appointment in trial level courts in the following counties:  
(please check all applicable)**

\_\_\_\_\_ Hardee County    \_\_\_\_\_ Highlands County    \_\_\_\_\_ Polk County

**2. I will accept appointment in trial level courts to the following types of  
cases: (please check all applicable)**

**Juvenile Court:**

\_\_\_ Dependency  
\_\_\_ TPR  
\_\_\_ Delinquency

**County Court:**

\_\_\_ Misdemeanors

**Circuit Court:**

\_\_\_ F3  
\_\_\_ F2  
\_\_\_ F1  
\_\_\_ LF  
\_\_\_ Cap Sex  
\_\_\_ Cap Murder  
\_\_\_ Jimmy Ryce  
\_\_\_ Mental/Public  
Health

**3. I will accept appointment in appellate courts to the following types of  
cases: (please check all applicable)**

\_\_\_ Dependency  
\_\_\_ TPR  
\_\_\_ Delinquency  
\_\_\_ Misdemeanors  
\_\_\_ F3  
\_\_\_ F2

\_\_\_ F1  
\_\_\_ Life Felony  
\_\_\_ Cap Sex  
\_\_\_ Cap Murder  
\_\_\_ Jimmy Ryce  
\_\_\_ Mental/Public Health

#### **4. Qualifications:**

##### **A) *Dependency and Termination of Parental Rights***

Trial counsel and appellate counsel appointed by the court must:

- 1) Be a member in good standing of The Florida Bar
- 2) Maintain malpractice insurance
- 3) For appointment in dependency cases, have been a member of The Florida Bar for at least three years and an experienced and active practitioner
- 4) For appointment in TPR cases, have been a member of The Florida Bar for at least five years and an experienced and active practitioner having handled no fewer than three dependency cases
- 5) For appointment in any appeal in a TPR case, meet the requirements in section (4) above or have been an experienced and active appellate practitioner for at least three years
- 6) For appointment in “egregious conduct” of other “front-end” TPR’s, have previously tried or participated in a minimum of three such cases
- 7) Not be in a position whereby such appointment would cause the attorney to take a position which is in opposition to a former client, unless such representation occurred more than two years before current appointment
- 8) Have attended within the previous 24 months a minimum of six hours of Florida Bar approved continuing legal education devoted to Dependency, Termination of Parental Rights, Mental Health, Child Development, Child Abuse/Neglect, or other Juvenile related areas.

##### **B) *Juvenile Delinquency and Criminal***

Trial attorneys appointed by the court must:

- 1) Be a member in good standing of The Florida Bar
- 2) Have attended within the previous 24 months a minimum of ten hours of Florida Bar approved continuing legal education devoted to criminal law
- 3) Maintain malpractice insurance
- 4) Meet the following experience requirements:
  - a. In misdemeanor cases the attorney shall have been a member of The Florida Bar for at least one year and an experienced and active trial practitioner with no fewer than three state or federal jury or non-jury trials
  - b. In juvenile cases the attorney shall have been a member of The Florida Bar for at least one year and an experienced and active trial practitioner with no fewer than three delinquency dispositions of three state or federal jury or non-jury trials
  - c. In third degree felony cases the attorney shall have been a member of The Florida Bar for at least two years and an experienced and

active trial practitioner with no fewer than three state or federal jury or non-jury trials

- d. In second degree felony cases the attorney shall have been a member of The Florida Bar for at least two years and an experienced and active trial practitioner with no fewer than seven state or federal jury trials
- e. In life felony cases and capital sexual battery cases, the attorney shall have been a member of The Florida Bar for at least five years and an experienced and active trial practitioner with no fewer than ten state or federal jury trials
- f. In capital death penalty case, lead counsel and second chair counsel shall meet minimum standards for attorneys in capital cases as set out in Rule 3.112, Florida Rules of Criminal Procedure.

Appellate counsel appointed by the court must:

- 1) Be a member in good standing of The Florida Bar
- 2) Have attended within the previous 24 months a minimum of six hours of Florida Bar approved continuing legal education devoted to appellate law
- 3) Maintain malpractice insurance
- 4) Meet the following experience requirements:
  - a. In misdemeanor and third degree felony appeals, the attorney shall have been a member of The Florida Bar for at least two years and an experienced and active practitioner in the field of appellate criminal law or have prior experience in the appeal of at least three criminal cases
  - b. In non-capital felony appeals, the attorney shall have been a member of The Florida Bar for at least three years and an experienced and active practitioner in the field of appellate criminal law or have experience in the appeal of at least five criminal cases
  - c. In capital death penalty appeals, the attorney shall meet minimum standards for attorneys in capital cases as set out in Rule 3.112, Florida Rules of Criminal Procedure.

C) *Jimmy Ryce Civil Commitments*

Trial attorney appointed by the court must:

- 1) Be a member in good standing of The Florida Bar
- 2) Have attended within the previous 24 months a minimum of ten hours of Florida Bar approved continuing legal education devoted to criminal or civil practice
- 3) Maintain malpractice insurance

- 4) Have been a member of The Florida Bar for at least five years and an experienced and active trial practitioner with no fewer than ten state or federal jury trials.

Appellate counsel appointed by the court must:

- 1) Be a member in good standing of The Florida Bar
- 2) Have attended within the previous 24 months a minimum of six hours of Florida Bar approved continuing legal education devoted to appellate law
- 3) Have been a member of The Florida Bar for at least three years and an experienced and active practitioner in the field of appellate criminal law or have experience in the appeal of at least five criminal or civil cases.

D) *Mental and Public Health*

Attorneys appointed by the court must:

- 1) Be a member in good standing of The Florida Bar
- 2) Have attended within the previous 24 months a minimum of eight hours of Florida Bar approved continuing legal education devoted to probate and/or guardianship law
- 3) Maintain malpractice insurance
- 4) Have been a member of The Florida Bar for at least one year and an experienced and active trial practitioner.

**CERTIFICATION**

**I hereby certify that I have read the above-described qualifications and that I meet all the specified requirements to be appointed by the court in the types of cases I have designated in sections 2 and 3 above.**

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Florida Bar Number: