APPLICATIONS FOR THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACT (CJA) PANEL FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

The Standing Committee for the Western District of Washington will be considering applications for the CJA Attorney Panel for the Western District of Washington in January, 2017. The prerequisites for participation on the panel are:

- a. Applicants for the CJA Panel must be admitted to practice and be in good standing in the State of Washington, the United States District Court for the Western District of Washington and the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.
- b. Applicants must maintain a primary, satellite, or shared office in this district and have sufficient resources and support to manage CJA assignments.
- c. Applicants must possess strong litigation skills and demonstrate proficiency with the federal sentencing guidelines, federal sentencing procedures, the Bail Reform Act, the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, and the Federal Rules of Evidence.
- d. Applicants must have significant experience representing persons charged with serious or complex criminal offenses and demonstrate a commitment to the defense of people who lack the financial means to hire an attorney.
- e. Attorneys who do not possess the experience set forth above but believe they have equivalent other experience are encouraged to apply and set forth in writing the details of that experience for the CJA Standing Committee's consideration.

If interested in applying, additional information about this panel and an application are found on the Federal Public Defender web site under the CJA tab: <u>http://waw.fd.org/</u>.