



# State of Rhode Island Judiciary

## Supreme Court

### Application for Court Appointment Recertification

Attorneys seeking recertification to court appointment panels must return this form to the Administrative Office of State Courts, c/o **Karen Torti, 250 Benefit Street, Providence, RI 02903, before August 15.** The information provided must demonstrate that the attorney has fulfilled the continuing legal education and other requirements to continue qualifying for appointment in the type(s) of cases indicated below (see Executive Order 2023-07 on the Judiciary's website at [www.courts.ri.gov](http://www.courts.ri.gov) under the Supreme Court homepage, Opinions and Orders, Executive Orders, 2023, 2023-07).

A copy of the policy declaration sheet from your current professional liability policy **must** be enclosed with your application.

Rhode Island Bar Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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

If payments will be made to your firm, please complete the following:

Firm Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Firm Employer Identification Number (EIN): \_\_\_\_\_

**PANELS:** Check the court appointment panel(s) for which you are seeking recertification. Please note, an attorney may remove himself/herself from a panel; however, you cannot add any new panels without prior approval by the Chief Justice, Presiding Justice, or Chief Judge of the court of appointment.

SUPREME COURT	
Indigent Defense Services	
Criminal Appeal	
Miscellaneous Appeals and Petitions	
Post-conviction Relief Appeal	
Termination of Parental Rights Appeal	

SUPERIOR COURT				
Indigent Defense Services	Providence/ Bristol County	Washington County	Kent County	Newport County
Murder				

Class 1 Felony				
Extreme Risk Protection Order				
Class 2 Felony				
Misdemeanor				
Felony – Post-conviction Relief				
Misdemeanor – Post-conviction Relief				
Sexual Violent Predator, Licht Judicial Complex				
Violation of Court Order for Payment of Fines, Costs, and/or Restitution				
Courtroom 14 (Fines, Costs, and/or Restitution Calendar), Licht Judicial Complex				
Courtrooms 5-G (Pre-arraignment Calendar), Providence/Bristol County and 9 (Daily Criminal Calendar), Providence/Bristol County				
Civil Panels	Providence/ Bristol County	Washington County	Kent County	Newport County
Attorney Appointed Pursuant to Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (50 U.S.C.A. App. § 501, et seq.)				
Guardian Ad Litem – Partition Action				
Guardian Ad Litem – Personal Injury				
Guardian Ad Litem – Probate				
Commissioner for Real Estate				
Receiver/Trustee				
Title Attorney/Tax Case – Petition to Foreclose Equities of Redemption				

FAMILY COURT				
Indigent Defense Services	Providence/ Bristol County	Washington County	Kent County	Newport County
Dependency/Neglect/Abuse				
Termination of Parental Rights				
Wayward/Delinquency				
Guardian Ad Litem for Child Protection and Wayward/Delinquency				
Violation of Court Order for Child and/or Spousal Support				
Waiver of Jurisdiction and Certification Hearing				
Felony (Adult)				
Misdemeanor (Adult)				
Post-conviction Relief (Adult)				
Civil Panels	Providence/ Bristol County	Washington County	Kent County	Newport County
Attorney Appointed Pursuant to Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (50 U.S.C.A. App. § 501, et seq.)				
Commissioner for Real Estate				
Guardian Ad Litem for Domestic Relations Case				
Receiver				

<b>DISTRICT COURT</b>				
Indigent Defense Services	6 <sup>th</sup> Division	4 <sup>th</sup> Division	3 <sup>rd</sup> Division	2 <sup>nd</sup> Division
Class 1 Felony				
Class 2 Felony				
Driving Under Influence of Liquor or Drugs				
Driving Under Influence of Liquor or Drugs – Post-conviction Relief				
Misdemeanor				
Misdemeanor – Post-conviction Relief				
Violation of Court Order for Payment of Fines, Costs, and/or Restitution				
Civil Panels	6 <sup>th</sup> Division	4 <sup>th</sup> Division	3 <sup>rd</sup> Division	2 <sup>nd</sup> Division
Attorney Appointed Pursuant to Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (50 U.S.C.A. App. § 501, et seq.)				
Commissioner for Real Estate				
Guardian Ad Litem				
Receiver/Trustee				
Mental Health Civil Certification				

<b>WORKERS' COMPENSATION COURT</b>	
Civil Panels	
Guardian	
Unrepresented Employee in Settled Case	

### **GENERAL REQUIREMENTS:**

Certify that you continue to meet each of the following requirements for appointment by writing your initials in the blank and providing any other information required.

1. I am a member of the Rhode Island Bar in good standing. \_\_\_\_\_ (initial)
2. I have legal malpractice insurance in a minimum amount of \$100,000 per claim/\$300,000 aggregate with a Rhode Island licensed carrier. \_\_\_\_\_ (initial)  
A copy of the **policy declaration sheet** from your current professional liability policy **must** be attached.
3. When appointed in cases that involve the handling and managing of funds, I will acquire bonding by a surety bond in an amount equal to the total funds being managed. \_\_\_\_\_ (initial)
4. I will serve as a mentor for attorneys seeking to qualify for court appointment. \_\_\_\_\_ (initial)
5. Only I, as the certified attorney, will provide representation in the appointed cases. I will not send an associate in my firm or any other individual in my place to represent a party. \_\_\_\_\_ (initial)  
**I may be removed from a panel by the respective court if I refuse to accept an appointment without good cause shown or fail to meet any of the general requirements listed above.**  
\_\_\_\_\_ (initial)

## **CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS (CLE):**

You must have completed the CLE credit hours required. Credits must be no older than the immediate past mandatory continuing legal education reporting year (carryover credits included).

1. **Supreme Court** – For criminal appeals and post-conviction relief appeals, annual completion of **six (6)** hours of CLE in criminal law and/or procedure. For termination of parental rights cases, annual completion of **three (3)** hours of CLE in family law and/or procedure. For miscellaneous appeals and petitions, certified in the specific Supreme Court indigent defense services panel.
2. **Superior Court** – For criminal and post-conviction relief cases, annual completion of **six (6)** hours of CLE in criminal law and/or procedure. For civil cases, **six (6)** hours of CLE in civil litigation with an emphasis on the specific area of appointment.
3. **Family Court** – Annual completion of **three (3)** hours of CLE in family law and/or procedure with an emphasis on the specific area of appointment. For criminal cases, annual completion of **six (6)** hours of CLE in criminal law and/or procedure for felony cases and annual completion of **three (3)** hours of CLE in criminal law and/or procedure for misdemeanor cases.
4. **District Court** – For criminal and post-conviction relief cases, annual completion of **three (3)** hours of CLE criminal law and/or procedure. For civil cases, **six (6)** hours of CLE in civil litigation with an emphasis on the specific area of appointment.
5. **Workers' Compensation Court** - Annual completion of **three (3)** hours of CLE in workers' compensation law and/or procedure.

**PLEASE NOTE: All CLE credits submitted must be related to the panel(s) as a condition for recertification.**

List the courses you have taken for recertification to each panel you have indicated. Please use a separate sheet if needed.

**A printout of “My MCLE Record” from the Mandatory Continuing Legal Education section of the Rhode Island Supreme Court Attorney Portal must be attached.**

PANEL: _____	TOTAL HOURS REQUIRED: _____
1. _____	Date: _____ Credit hours: _____
2. _____	Date: _____ Credit hours: _____
3. _____	Date: _____ Credit hours: _____
4. _____	Date: _____ Credit hours: _____
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4. _____	Date: _____	Credit hours: _____

## **INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTAL OF INVOICES:**

### 1. Fee schedule

The rates of compensation to be paid by the Rhode Island Judiciary to court appointed counsel shall not differentiate between in-court and out-of-court time spent by counsel on a matter. In addition to the fees set forth below, counsel shall be entitled to all reasonable expenses of litigation including cost of transcripts, expert witness fees, investigators' fees, and fees for service of subpoenas in those instances where subpoenas have not been served by court order without cost. Application for expert witness authorization may be made ex parte without notification to the Attorney General or other adverse parties. Notwithstanding, all witness travel and travel expenses must be approved by the judicial officer hearing the case in accordance with the applicable Rhode Island General Laws.

If a case requires an investigator, counsel shall first obtain a court order allowing the expense with a threshold amount not to exceed \$500.00 initially. If the investigator fees exceed the threshold amount, counsel shall submit another court order approving any overage. When submitting reimbursement for the investigator fees, counsel shall upload the court order(s) and investigator invoice(s) with counsel's timesheet.

The thresholds and flat fees set by this schedule shall apply to all time spent and all the hearings required in a particular case to reach adjudication and shall include all post disposition efforts unless noted otherwise. In cases wherein the fees or expenses sought are less than the threshold, approval shall be automatic, and your payment status will be noted online in the Payment for Indigent Defense Services Portal. Where the fees or expenses sought exceed the threshold in the Supreme Court, counsel shall file a Motion to Exceed Threshold Payment (see the Supreme Court forms on the Judiciary's website) and the Timesheet Exception Approval form (the Finance and Budget Office will email the document to counsel upon request) with the Administrative Assistant to Chief Justice within thirty (30) days from disposition of the case. Final determination of payment shall be made by the Supreme Court in conference. Where the fees or expenses sought exceed the threshold in the Superior, Family, or District Courts, the trial justice or judge at disposition shall make a recommendation regarding the advisability of exceeding the threshold amount, but the final determination of payment shall be made by the presiding justice or by the chief judge of the respective court.

The fee schedule shall be as follows:

<b>SUPREME COURT</b>		
<b>Indigent Defense Services</b>		
Criminal Appeal	\$85/hour	\$5,200 threshold
Miscellaneous Appeals and Petitions	\$85/hour	\$5,200 threshold

Post-conviction Relief Appeal	\$85/hour	\$5,200 threshold
Termination of Parental Rights Appeal	\$85/hour	\$5,200 threshold
Expenses		\$500 threshold

<b>SUPERIOR COURT</b>		
Indigent Defense Services		
Murder	\$100/hour	\$30,000 threshold
Class 1 Felony	\$90/hour	\$10,000 threshold
Extreme Risk Protection Order	\$90/hour	\$3,000 threshold
Class 2 Felony	\$60/hour	\$5,000 threshold
Misdemeanor	\$50/hour	\$1,500 threshold
Felony - Post-conviction Relief	\$100/hour	\$7,500 threshold
Misdemeanor – Post Conviction Relief	\$50/hour	\$750 threshold
Sexual Violent Predator	\$50/hour	\$1,500 threshold
Violation of Court Order for Payment of Fines, Costs, and/or Restitution	\$30/hour	\$1,500 threshold
Courtroom 14 (Fines, Costs, and/or Restitution Calendar), Licht Judicial Complex		\$200/day - 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Courtrooms 5-G (Pre-arraignment Calendar), Providence/Bristol County and 9 (Daily Criminal Calendar), Providence/Bristol County		\$300/day - 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and from 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Expenses		\$500 threshold

Civil Panels
Attorney Appointed Pursuant to Servicemembers Civil Relief Act <sup>1</sup> (50 U.S.C.A. App. § 520, et seq.)
Guardian Ad Litem – Partition Action
Guardian Ad Litem – Personal Injury
Guardian Ad Litem – Probate
Commissioner for Real Estate
Receiver/Trustee
Title Attorney/Tax Case – Petition to Foreclose Equities of Redemption

<b>FAMILY COURT</b>
Indigent Defense Services

<sup>1</sup> Attorneys appointed under this panel are viewed as serving in the capacity similar to a guardian ad litem. Fees and expenses should be assessed by the court in the same manner as those incurred by a court appointed guardian ad litem in civil cases. In those rare instances where payment is to be made by the Rhode Island Judiciary, the fee shall be \$50 per hour.

Dependency/Neglect/Abuse	\$90/hour	\$2,500 threshold
Arraignment	\$30/hour	In the event of multiple arraignments, no more than a total of \$100 for all arraignments
Review	\$60 flat fee per review, to include preparation, waiting, and court time	\$1,500 threshold
Termination of Parental Rights	\$90/hour	\$5,400 threshold
Arraignment	\$30/hour	In the event of multiple arraignments, no more than a total of \$100 for all arraignments
Review	\$60 flat fee per review, to include preparation, waiting, and court time	\$1,500 threshold
Wayward/Delinquency	\$90/ hour	\$2,500 threshold
Arraignment	\$30/hour	In the event of multiple arraignments, no more than a total of \$100 for all arraignments
Review	\$60 flat fee per review, to include preparation, waiting, and court time	\$1,500 threshold
Guardian Ad Litem for Child Protection and Wayward/Delinquency	\$50/hour	\$2,000 threshold
Violation of Court Order for Child and/or Spousal Support	\$50/hour	\$2,500 threshold
Waiver of Jurisdiction and Certification Hearing	\$90/hour	\$3,500 threshold
Felony (Adult)	\$60/hour	\$5,000 threshold
Misdemeanor (Adult)	\$50/hour	\$1,500 threshold
Post-conviction Relief (Adult)	\$50/hour	\$750 threshold
Expenses		\$500 threshold
Civil Panels		
Attorney Appointed Pursuant to Servicemembers Civil Relief Act <sup>2</sup> (50 U.S.C.A. App. § 520, et seq.)		
Commissioner for Real Estate		

<sup>2</sup> Attorneys appointed under this panel are viewed as serving in the capacity similar to a guardian ad litem. Fees and expenses should be assessed by the court in the same manner as those incurred by a court appointed guardian ad litem in civil cases. In those rare instances where payment is to be made by the Rhode Island Judiciary, the fee shall be \$50 per hour.

Guardian Ad Litem for Domestic Relations Case
Receiver

<b>DISTRICT COURT</b>		
Indigent Defense Services		
Class 1 Felony	\$90/hour	\$10,000 threshold
Class 2 Felony	\$60/hour	\$5,000 threshold
Driving Under Influence of Liquor or Drugs	\$50/hour	\$2,500 threshold
Driving Under Influence of Liquor or Drugs - Post-conviction Relief	\$50/hour	\$750 threshold
Misdemeanor	\$50/hour	\$1,800 threshold
Misdemeanor - Post-conviction Relief	\$50/hour	\$750 threshold
Violation of Court Order for Payment of Fines, Costs, and/or Restitution	\$30/hour	\$1,500 threshold
Expenses		\$500 threshold
Civil Panels		
Attorney Appointed Pursuant to Servicemembers Civil Relief Act <sup>3</sup> (50 U.S.C.A. App. § 520, et seq.)		
Commissioner for Real Estate		
Guardian Ad Litem		
Receiver/Trustee		
Mental Health Civil Certification	\$90/hour	\$3,500 threshold within a six (6) month period

<b>WORKERS' COMPENSATION COURT</b>	
Civil Panels	
Guardian	Fee at the discretion of the trial judge
Unrepresented Employee in Settled Case	Fee at the discretion of the trial judge

## 2. Procedure

All requests for payment for the indigent defense services panels shall be made online via the Payment for Indigent Defense Services Portal. Submission of payment online is mandatory. The accuracy and veracity of the information shall be attested to by requesting counsel.

Counsel seeking payment for court appointed cases shall submit such requests in the following

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instances: 1) No later than thirty (30) days after the representation has concluded and authorization has been granted, if required; 2) No later than thirty (30) days after new counsel enters an appearance in the case; 3) No later than thirty (30) days after counsel's service is discontinued on the case; and 4) In cases where partial payment is permitted.

**Requests for payment that are submitted after the above-mentioned time periods shall not be approved for payment.**

Partial payment is permitted in three (3) instances. First, in the Family Court, requests for payment shall be submitted by the 30<sup>th</sup> of each month for services rendered. Second, in lengthy cases where counsel has worked on the matter for more than one (1) year, counsel may submit a timesheet for services rendered to date and is allowed to do so for each subsequent year or until final disposition. Third, in cases where a defendant fails to appear and a warrant has been issued, counsel may submit a timesheet for partial payment six (6) months from the issuance date of the warrant.

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**AFFIDAVIT:** Being first duly sworn, \_\_\_\_\_ deposes and says that the  
(Name of Applicant)  
information in this application is true.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature of Applicant**

State of \_\_\_\_\_  
County of \_\_\_\_\_

On this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, before me, the undersigned notary public, personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ personally known to the notary or ☐ proved to the notary through satisfactory evidence of identification, which was \_\_\_\_\_, to be the person who signed the preceding or attached document in my presence, and who swore or affirmed to the notary that the contents of the document are truthful to the best of his or her knowledge.

Notary Public: \_\_\_\_\_  
My commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_  
Notary identification number: \_\_\_\_\_