

The Board of Judges of the Southern District of New York approved and adopted the following amendment to the Plan under the Criminal Justice Act of 1964. The added language is shown in bold italics.

### **C. APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL AS PANEL MEMBER**

Application forms for membership on the CJA Panel shall be made available, upon request, by the Clerk of the Court. The application form shall indicate to which list or lists the applicant is applying, and shall require information regarding the applicant's educational background, professional qualifications, previous experience, prior service as a member of an assigned counsel panel, and such other factors as the Committee on Defender Services of the Board of Judges deems relevant. Completed applications shall be submitted to the Chairperson of the Committee on Defender Services. At least once each year, the Chairperson shall forward all applications received, and not previously passed upon, to the CJA Panel Review Committee established pursuant to ¶ IV herein for its review and recommendations. Private attorneys who have filed applications shall be appointed to the CJA Panel only upon 1) the recommendation by the Panel Review Committee, 2) approval by the Committee on Defender Services of the Board of Judges, and 3) approval by the Board of Judges.

***All qualified attorneys shall be encouraged to participate in the furnishing of representation in CJA cases, without regard to race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, disabling condition, or sexual orientation.***

The amendment is effective September 25, 2007 subject to approval by the Judicial Council.