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The Court accepts applications for three-year terms on the regular CJA panel and applications to be considered for the district's mentor program. If you are interested in either, please fill out the entire application form and return it to Sandy_Waggoner@fd.org by December 31, for the application to be considered for the following year. Be sure to mark if you are applying for the regular panel or the mentoring program. The application is a fillable form and must be typed to be considered. All questions must be answered.

The *regular panel* is made up of private attorneys who are members in good standing of the federal bar of this district and who have demonstrated experience in, and knowledge of, the *Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure*, the *Federal Rules of Evidence*, and the *United States Sentencing Guidelines*. Other expectations, including mandatory CLE, may be found in the district's CJA Plan, <http://www.tned.uscourts.gov/cja>.

For attorneys interested in learning about federal criminal defense, mark *mentor program* on the form. Mentees have two years to complete the requirements of the program which may be found at <http://www.tned.uscourts.gov/cja/CJA Mentor Program Guidelines>. Those accepted will be assigned a mentor with whom to work and learn.

Mentees and regular panel attorneys are required to complete three (3) hours of relevant CLE each calendar year. All seminars offered by Federal Defender Services (FDSET), all seminars offered by the Training Branch of the Defender Services Office (DSO), and all webinars found at www.fd.org satisfy the requirement. Application must be made to the Panel Selection Committee for approval of other relevant seminars by November 15 of each year. Send the agenda for seminars **not** sponsored by FDSET or DSO to Sandy_Waggoner@fd.org, and it will be forwarded to the appropriate panel selection committee. Also, send Sandy a certificate of attendance for any DSO seminars and [fd.org](http://www.fd.org) webinars attended. Records of attendance at FDSET seminars will be maintained by the FDSET office.

If you have any questions, email Sandy Waggoner at Sandy_Waggoner@fd.org.