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Juvenile Appeals Certification Application

Please submit via email to [yadappeals@publiccounsel.net](mailto:yadappeals@publiccounsel.net), with a subject line of "Juvenile Appeals Panel Application-[Applicant's Name]"

1. Name:  
  
Law firm or organization:  
  
Office Address:  
  
Telephone:  
  
E-Mail Address:
  
2. BBO Number:  
  
Date of admission to Mass. bar:  
  
Date of admission to other state bars:  
  
All appellate courts to which you are admitted to practice:  
  
Law school(s) and date of graduation:
  
3. Please briefly state the reasons why you are interested in membership on the juvenile appeals panel.
  
4. Are you currently a member of the YAD trial panel? If so, please briefly describe how long you have been a member of this panel and your experience as a panel member. If you have/had a YAD trial mentor, please identify the mentor, including name, phone number and email address.

5. Are you currently a member of any other CPCS panels, trial or appellate? If so, please list them below, including the name of panel, whether it was a trial or appellate panel, and years of membership. Briefly describe your experience on those panel(s). If you had/have an appellate mentor for any of those panels, please identify the mentor, including name, phone number and email address.
6. Please describe your experience (in any other practice area) and why it has led to your interest in juvenile appeals.
7. Do you enjoy working with adolescents? Why or why not?
8. Please describe any experience you have with expert witnesses.
9. Please describe any experience you have with trauma-informed communication and/or adolescent development.
10. CPCS is committed to assuring that panel attorneys are sensitive to the diversity of the client population we serve. What background, experience, and perspectives would you bring to the panel that would further this goal?
11. Please explain why your experience, training, and education qualify you for juvenile appeals and post-adjudication assignments.
12. Please list any appellate skills training or writing programs that you have attended within the last five years.
13. Please briefly describe any other relevant litigation experience, including authoring amicus briefs.
14. Are you fluent in any foreign languages or American Sign Language?
15. Have you ever been:

- (a) Disbarred, suspended, reprimanded, admonished, censured, or otherwise formally disciplined, publicly or privately, as an attorney, as a member of any other profession or as a holder of any public office, whether in Massachusetts or elsewhere? If so, please explain the circumstances of this discipline and any current or past limitations placed upon you.
  
- (b) Investigated, suspended, or removed from a panel, otherwise disciplined by CPCS for any period, or resigned? If so, please explain the circumstances of this discipline and any current or past limitations placed upon you.
  
- (c) The subject of any charge or complaint before any court or agency (including but not limited to CPCS) concerning your conduct as an attorney, as a member of any other profession, or as a holder of any public office, whether in Massachusetts or otherwise? If so, please explain the circumstances resulting in this complaint or charge and whether there are any current limitations placed on you by CPCS or any court or agency.

I hereby certify that the information provided in connection with the above questions is true and correct.

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Date

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Signature