



UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

Office of the District Court Executive

LAURA TAYLOR SWAIN
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Notice to the Bar

DATE: November 30, 2021
SUBJECT: CJA Mentoring Program

The United States District Court for the Southern District of New York is seeking candidates for its Criminal Justice Act (CJA) Mentoring Program. Ideal candidates are attorneys with five or more years of experience litigating in state court, with fifteen felony trials to verdict as lead counsel or comparable in-court experience. Under the supervision of a member of the CJA Panel, CJA Mentees represent defendants in federal court who qualify for appointed representation under the Criminal Justice Act.

The purpose of the CJA Mentoring Program is to diversify the composition of the CJA Panel—a roster of private attorneys who are authorized to serve as appointed defense counsel pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §3006A—and to expose experienced state court practitioners to federal practice. While the mentee’s initial 65 hours of service will be done pro bono, mentees may earn a reduced rate of \$101 per hour for their services after the pro bono requirement has been fulfilled.

Candidate interviews will be conducted in December. To apply for the program, please email your resume (include cell phone number) to:

Peter Enrique Quijano: peter@qandelaw.com
Mr. Quijano’s telephone number is (917) 716-6312.

“The Southern District’s Mentoring Program was the first of its kind in the nation and since been the model for similar programs nationwide. It has enhanced the membership of our defense bar, enabling diverse and talented lawyers to gain federal practice experience in mentoring relationships with distinguished practitioners. Experienced state court practitioners are given exposure to the legal and practical differences between state and federal practice, learning in federal courtrooms under the tutelage of some of the finest federal criminal defense lawyers anywhere, and have the opportunity to be considered for membership on our Criminal Justice Act Panel.” – Chief Judge Laura Taylor Swain