

**CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACT MENTORING PROGRAM
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

MENTEE APPLICATION FORM

Please type or print your responses legibly. You may attach additional pages if necessary.

1. NAME:
ADDRESS:
OFFICE TELEPHONE:
CELLULAR TELEPHONE:
EMAIL ADDRESS:

2. Please set forth your educational background, in reverse chronological order, specifying the school attended, years of attendance, date of graduation and degree obtained.

3. Please list the jurisdictions in which you are admitted to practice law, specifying the year of admission, and whether you are in good standing.

4. Have you ever been employed by a District Attorney's Office, the Legal Aid Society, Attorney General's Office or any other entity involved in litigation, civil or criminal? Please explain and provide dates of service and types of cases handled.

5. Are you presently serving on an assigned counsel plan representing indigent defendants? (e.g. New York 18 B Panel for misdemeanors, felonies or homicides) Please specify the panel, and your length of service on that panel, and the number of cases you have been assigned, specifying whether they were misdemeanors or felonies.
 - a) Have you ever been removed from any assigned counsel plan panel? Please explain.

6. How many criminal cases have you handled in the last five years, either as private or assigned counsel? Please indicate whether you were lead counsel or second chair and whether they were felonies or misdemeanors.

7. How many hearings in criminal matters have you conducted in the last five years? Please specify whether the cases were felonies or misdemeanors, the nature of the hearings, and what the outcome was.

8. How many criminal cases have you tried to verdict; or, negotiated notable or complex pre-trial dispositions in the last five years, either as private or assigned counsel?
 - a) In the cases that you tried to verdict, did you engage in any significant pre-trial or post-trial motion practice involving the submission of legal memoranda and/or oral argument? If so, please describe the issues presented and the outcome.

9. How many criminal cases have you handled in federal court in the last five years? Please indicate the court, whether you were sole or lead counsel or second chair, the nature of the case, and outcome.

10. How many criminal appeals have you handled in the last five years? Please specify which court heard the matter (i.e., Appellate Division, New York State Court of Appeals, Second Circuit, etc.)

11. Please provide any other information, including any civil litigation experience, which may be helpful in determining your eligibility for the Program. You may add additional pages if necessary.

12. Have you ever been or are you currently the subject of any disciplinary proceedings? If so, please explain.

Interested attorneys should complete the Mentoring Program application form, and email it, and their resume, to Peter Quijano at peter@gandelaw.com, and Anthony Ricco at tonyricco@aol.com.

The Attorney Mentoring Program of the U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York, is accepting applications for its class of 2024–25. This Program is designed to equip experienced State Court practitioners with the special skills and knowledge needed to represent defendants in federal criminal cases. One important goal of the Mentoring Program is to expand the diversity of the federal defense bar. Accordingly, we place particular emphasis on equipping women and members of minority communities with the experience and expertise necessary to

become viable candidates for the Criminal Justice Act Panel. However, The Program is open to **all** members of the Bar. Accordingly, **all** members of the Bar are encouraged and welcomed to apply to participate in this Program.

“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