

## **APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT OF HANCOCK COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER**

Please print or type application. Use additional pages when necessary to provide complete answers to questions.

### **PART A: PERSONAL BACKGROUND**

1. (A) Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last) \_\_\_\_\_ (First) \_\_\_\_\_ (Middle) \_\_\_\_\_

(B) Maiden or other name(s) by  
which you may have been known: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

3. Home Address  
\_\_\_\_\_ (Street) \_\_\_\_\_ (City) \_\_\_\_\_ (County) \_\_\_\_\_ (Zip) \_\_\_\_\_ (Telephone)

4. Business Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (Street) \_\_\_\_\_ (City) \_\_\_\_\_ (County) \_\_\_\_\_ (Zip) \_\_\_\_\_ (Telephone)

5. List previous addresses within the past ten years (include dates):

Home	Business
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

6. Do you have any family relationships, including family members within the third degree of relationship, which could cause a conflict of interest with your position as a public defender?

Yes       No

If yes, please explain below:

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7. Military Service (Duty with federalized National Guard unit should be reported as active duty.)

	Branch	Dates	Highest Rank Attained	Type of Discharge
Active Duty Service				
Reserve Service				
National Guard Service				

**PART B: EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND**

1. (A)

	Name of School	Location	Dates	Major	Degrees
High School					
College(s)					
Law School(s)					

(B) List Honors, Awards, Law Review, and other activities or achievements.

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2. Continuing Education attended in the last five years. (Such as seminars, symposia, lectures, or legal meetings, specifying if you participated as a speaker, lecturer, panelist, etc.)

Type	Your Participation	Topic

3. Complete the following if you have ever taught any law courses.

School(s)	Date(s)	Subject(s)	Position Held	Current Status

4. If you have written any articles, texts, treatises, handbooks or other writings on legal matters which have been published, please complete the following:

Complete Citation	Publisher	Date	Title	Subject Matter	Co-Authors

5. Describe any non-legal teaching or lecturing you have performed:

School(s)	Date(s)	Subject(s)	Position Held	Current Status

## 6. Bar Associations and Activities

List all national, state, local, specialty, honorary and other bar associations or other legal societies to which you now belong or have belonged.

**PART C: PROFESSIONAL, BUSINESS AND OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND****1. Professional Qualifications**

(A) Date you were admitted to practice law in Illinois. \_\_\_\_\_

(B) Length of time you have practiced law in Illinois. \_\_\_\_\_

(C) If you have been admitted to practice and/or actively practiced Law in another state, please complete the following:

State(s)	Court(s)/Administrative Agency	Currently Licensed	Actively Practicing

**2. Practice/Employment**

List, in reverse chronological order, the history of your practice or employment since your graduation from law school, whether law related or not.

Dates To From	Name of Firm, Company or Institution	Address (City/State)	Your Status Solo, Partner, Associate or Title Within Organization	Type of Practice/Nature of Work

3. If you have been engaged in the practice of law, indicate the approximate percentage of time devoted to the following types of practice. ("Litigation" includes, in addition to actual time in court or tribunal, preparation therefore. "Court" indicates federal and state judicial system; "Trib" indicates quasi-judicial tribunals, e.g. Industrial Commission, NLRB hearings, etc.; "Non-Lit" indicates practice not involving litigation.)

Type of Practice	Litigation Court %	Litigation Other Trib. %	Non-Lit %
Criminal (Felony)			
Criminal (Misd./Traffic)			
Family Law/Juvenile Law			
Other:			

4. (A) Jury Trial Experience (Please state your jury trial experience in actual or approximate numbers.)

Not Go to Verdict	Jury Cases to Verdict		Jury Cases Started But Which Did	
	Civil	Criminal	Civil	Criminal
As Lead Trial Counsel				
As Counsel Assisting at Trial				

(B) List the last two jury cases tried to verdict, during the past five years, including names of other attorneys and Judge.

	Case One	Case Two
Number of Case		
Case Number		
County		
Judge		
Attorney(s)		

5. Non-Jury Trial Experience (Please state in actual or approximate numbers.)

	Civil	Criminal
Number of contested Non-Jury cases commenced		
How Many of these cases went to judgment after the trial on the merits?		

6. Appellate Practice

(A) How many cases have you personally handled as counsel on appeal? \_\_\_\_\_

(B) How many cases have you orally argued? \_\_\_\_\_

(C) List the five most significant cases you have personally handled as counsel on appeal, including citation. (If case argued by yourself, place check indicated.)

✓ If Argued  
Yourself


IF APPELLATE COURT DISPOSITION WAS BY RULE 23 ORDER, PLEASE ATTACH COPIES OF ORDERS, IF YOU HAVE THEM.

7. List any elective public office you have held.

Office	Location	Period of Service

8. List any appointive public office you have held:

Office	Location	Dates To//From	Duties	✓ Either Column Part- Full- Time Time

## **PART D: PROFESSIONAL AND PERSONAL CONDUCT**

1. (A) Has your license or right to practice before any state or federal court, agency, or other tribunal ever been denied, revoked or suspended?  Yes  No

If yes, state the facts and circumstances fully. (Attach additional pages, if necessary.)

(B) Have you ever been formerly censured, adjudged or held in contempt or otherwise disciplined by any judge, court, agency or other tribunal?  Yes  No

If yes, state the facts and circumstances fully. (Attach additional pages, if necessary.)

(C) Has your professional conduct or ability been the subject of comment, favorable or unfavorable, in a written opinion of any judge, court, or other tribunal?  Yes  No

If yes, state the facts and circumstances fully. (Attach additional pages, if necessary.)

**PART E: PERSONAL AND JUDICIAL REFERENCES**

1. Provide the following information on at least four lawyers not associated with you in the practice of law or in business who have knowledge regarding your character and ability.

Name	Address	Phone	Relationship (e.g. Friend)	Length of time known to you
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				
5.(Optional)				

2. Provide the following information on at least one personal reference who has adequate opportunities for observing your professional and general conduct and ability.

Name	Address	Phone	Relationship (e.g. Friend)	Length of time known to you
1.				
2.(Optional)				
3.(Optional)				

4.(Optional)				
5.(Optional)				

3. Provide the following information for at least three, but not more than five, judges before whom you have appeared recently in matters which would afford them an opportunity to observe your professional conduct and ability.

Name of Judge	City	Phone	Name of Case
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.(Optional)			
5.(Optional)			

#### **PART F: ADVERSARY REFERENCES**

1. Complete the following information for lawyers who have represented adverse positions in matters handled by you in the past five years. There are two categories, litigation and non-litigation. Do not list the name of a lawyer in one category if that name is listed in the other. If you have had multiple matters with a listed lawyer, indicate that fact by checking the column provided and state the name of the most recent, or most significant, case transaction handled with that lawyer.

**(A) Litigation Matters**

Name of Lawyer	Address/City	Phone	Name of Case	Approx. Date	<input type="checkbox"/> If Multiple Cases
1.					
2.					
3.					
4.					
5.(Optional					

**(B) Non-Litigation Matters**

Name of Lawyer	Address/City	Phone	Name of Case	Approx. Date	<input type="checkbox"/> If Multiple Cases
1.					
2.					
3.					
4.					
5.(Optional					

**PART G: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

1. List any special professional, occupational or other experiences you have had, not otherwise listed in this application, which you believe would assist in the evaluation of your application.

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2. You may list any civic, philanthropic, community, social or public service organizations in which you have been involved during the past ten years, including any posts or offices held, and honors or awards received.

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3. State below, or on a separate attachment, any additional information or observation which you believe would assist the court in its evaluation of your application for appointment by the court.

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## **AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE OF PERSONAL INFORMATION CERTIFICATION AND WAIVER**

I hereby certify that I am registered as an attorney under Supreme Court Rule 756, and my fees are paid.

I authorize the Administrator of the Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission to disclose to the Circuit Court of the Ninth Judicial Circuit, or to any screening committee designated by the Circuit Court of Ninth Judicial Circuit, all information contained in the files of the Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission concerning my present status, any complaints which have been made against me, and the disposition of those complaints. I expressly waive whatever right I may have to the confidentiality of that information required by Supreme Court Rule 766 and by any other statute, rule or regulation providing for the confidentiality of that information by the Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission.

I do hereby authorize a review of, and full disclosure of, all records concerning myself to any duly authorized agent of the Illinois State Police, whether the said records are of a public, private, or confidential nature. I understand that any information obtained by a personal history background investigation which is developed directly or indirectly, in whole or in part, upon this release and authorization will be considered in determining my suitability for appointment as public defender. I also certify that any person(s) who may furnish such information concerning me shall not be held accountable for giving this information; and I do hereby release said person(s) from any and all liability which may be incurred as a result of furnishing such information. I further release the Illinois State Police from any and all liability which may be incurred as a result of collecting such information. A photocopy of this form will be as valid as an original thereof, even though said photocopy does not contain an original writing of my signature.

I certify that all statements made in this application are true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, and are made in good faith.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

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Date Signed

Mail Application To:

Hancock County Judges Chambers  
Attention: Honorable Judge Rodney G. Clark  
500 Main Street  
PO BOX 2  
Carthage, Illinois 62321