



**FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
COURT APPOINTED  
ATTORNEY APPLICATION  
FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025  
July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025**

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To be included on the First Judicial Circuit Court Appointed Attorney Registry, an attorney must complete and submit the *Court Appointed Attorney Application* form to the Chief Judge. If you are currently an active attorney on the First Judicial Circuit's Restricted Attorney Registry or the General Attorney Registry you are **required** to complete a new Court Appointed Attorney Application form each new contract year.

**The Chief Judge reserves the right to approve or remove any attorney from the  
General or Restricted Registry.**

➤ **RESTRICTED REGISTRY:**

In addition to the General Registry, the First Judicial Circuit will have a “**Restricted Registry**” of attorneys established by the Chief Judge. The restricted registry will be a listing of attorneys assigned to serve specific divisions in the following three areas of practice: Criminal (with the exception of Death and misdemeanors), Juvenile Delinquency, and Dependency & TPR divisions in each county within the First Judicial Circuit. Selections of the attorneys to serve on the Restricted Registries will be made by the Chief Judge in consultation with each Administrative Judge and the affected division judges. In qualifying cases where a conflict appointment becomes necessary, the court will appoint attorneys from the Restricted Registry unless and until it is determined no attorneys on the Restricted Registry are available for appointment. At that time, the court will appoint an attorney from the General Registry.

➤ **GENERAL REGISTRY:**

The general registry is an alpha-rotating list of attorneys who are available for appointment in the following types of cases: Criminal, Delinquency, Post-Conviction, Capital and Criminal Appeals, Dependency and Termination of Parental Rights (TPR), Appeals of Dependency and TPR Cases, Guardianship, and Baker/Marchman Act cases. In qualifying cases, where a conflict appointment becomes necessary, the court will first appoint attorneys from the restricted registry unless and until it is determined that no attorneys on the restricted registry are available. At that time, the court will appoint an attorney from the general registry.

<b>REGISTRY CATEGORY</b>	<b>CASES INCLUDED IN CATEGORY</b>
<b>CAPITAL</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Degree Murder (Lead Counsel) 1 <sup>st</sup> Degree Murder (Co-Counsel) Capital Sexual Battery Capital (Non-Death other than Capital Sexual Battery)
<b>CRIMINAL RICO</b>	Felony - Life (RICO) Felony - Punishable by Life (RICO) Felony 1 <sup>st</sup> Degree (RICO)
<b>CRIMINAL</b> (Restricted Registry categories)	Felony - Noncapital Murder Felony - Life Felony - Punishable by Life Felony - 1 <sup>st</sup> Degree Felony - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Degree Felony - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Degree Violation of Probation - Felony (includes VOCC) Misdemeanor Criminal Traffic Felony or Misdemeanor (No information filed) Violation of Probation - Misdemeanor (includes VOCC) Contempt Proceedings Extradition
<b>DELINQUENCY</b> (Restricted Registry categories)	Juvenile Delinquency - Felony Life Juvenile Delinquency - 1 <sup>st</sup> Degree Felony Juvenile Delinquency - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Degree Felony Juvenile Delinquency - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Degree Felony Juvenile Delinquency - Misdemeanor Juvenile Delinquency (Direct File or No Information Filed) Violation of Probation - Juvenile Delinquency (includes VOCC)
<b>POST CONVICTION</b>	Rules 3.800 and 3.850 at trial and appellate level (also includes postconviction petitions for habeas corpus and petitions for belated appeal.)
<b>CAPITAL APPEALS</b>	Capital Appeals
<b>CRIMINAL APPEALS</b>	Felony Appeals Juvenile Delinquency Appeals Misdemeanor Appeals
<b>DEPENDENCY &amp; TPR</b> (Restricted Registry categories)	Dependency - Up to 1 year Dependency - Each year after 1 <sup>st</sup> year Dependency - Reactivation of Protection Supervision - Up to 1 year Dependency - No Petition Filed or Dismissed at Shelter Termination of Parental Rights - Ch, 39, F.S., Up to 1 year Termination of Parental Rights - Ch. 39, F.S., Each year after 1 <sup>st</sup> Termination of Parental Rights - Ch. 63, F.S., Up to 1 year Termination of Parental Rights - Ch. 63, F.S., Each year after 1 <sup>st</sup>

<b>DEPENDENCY &amp; TPR</b>	Children with Certain Special Needs - Up to 1 year Children with Certain Special Needs - Each year after 1 <sup>st</sup> year
<b>DEPENDENCY &amp; TPR APPEALS</b>	Dependency Appeals Dependency Appeals - No brief filed due to lack of issues that could be raised on appeal (withdrawal granted) TPR Appeals TPR Appeals - No brief filed due to lack of issues that could be raised on appeal (withdrawal granted)
<b>GUARDIANSHIP</b>	Guardianship - Ch. 744, F.S. Guardianship - Emergency Ch. 744, F.S.
<b>BAKER/MARCHMAN ACT</b>	Baker Act/Mental Health - Ch. 394, F.S. Marchman Act/Substance Abuse - Ch. 397, F.S.
<b>OTHER CHILDREN'S CIVIL</b>	CINS/FINS - Ch. 984, F.S. Emancipation - Section 743.015, F.S. Parental Notification of Abortion Act – Section 390.01114

PLEASE EMAIL OR MAIL YOUR COMPLETED APPLICATION TO:

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