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**APPLICATION FOR
JUVENILE DEPENDENCY LAW PANEL**

Name: _____ State Bar number: _____

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Mailing address (if different): _____

Number of years of continuous active practice in California: _____

Number of years of practice in Juvenile Dependency Court: _____

City and County of Juvenile Dependency Practice: _____

Substantial Equivalent Experience

If you cannot meet the following requirements for panel membership, but believe that you qualify by reason of substantial, equivalent experience, you may submit an outline of such experience, as provided for in Rule 6 of the Lawyer Referral and Information Service Rules.

I. JUVENILE DEPENDENCY COURT APPOINTMENT PANEL – General Requirements

In order to be eligible for appointments from the Juvenile Dependency Court, an attorney must be a member of the Juvenile Dependency Law Panel and agree to the following:

- A. To contact promptly the County Clerk's office and confirm representation of each particular client who has been assigned to the attorney by the Lawyer Referral and Information Service;
- B. To report to the Lawyer Referral and Information Service any appointment to a case made from the bench;
- C. To appear in court on the assigned date and time;
- D. To accept, as sole compensation, the monies awarded by the court;
- E. To assist the court, when possible, in determining the monies, if any, to be paid pursuant to Sections 987.4 and 987.8 of California's Penal Code.

In addition, in order to be eligible for appointments from the Juvenile Dependency Court, applicant must meet the following requirements:

- 1. Applicant's principal place of practice must be in San Francisco.
- 2. At least two-thirds of the applicant's practice must be in San Francisco.

3. Applicant must not be a member of any other court appointed panel with similar requirements.

Please list any other court appointed panels to which you belong:

I, the undersigned, have read the foregoing conditions for membership to the Juvenile Law Court Appointment subpanel and agree to abide by them.

Date: _____ Signature: _____

II. EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS

All applicants to the Juvenile Dependency Law Panel must view CDs of various educational seminars prior to admission to the Juvenile Dependency Law Panel. Four additional CDs must be viewed within the first six months of admission to the Juvenile Dependency Law Panel. Contact the LRIS Membership Coordinator at (415) 782-9000 x8750 for more information about these CDs.

All applicants to the Juvenile Dependency Law Panel must agree to complete 10 hours of CLE in juvenile law or related issues during each calendar year. Every year, panel members will be required to provide to LRIS a declaration certifying that they have completed the 10 hours of CLE in order to remain eligible to receive new appointments.

III. EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS

List 2 to 4 commissioners and/or judges before whom you have appeared in dependency matters:

Name	County	Telephone Number
1. _____		
2. _____		
3. _____		
4. _____		

List the names of 2 to 4 HSA or Calendar Court Officers who work with Juvenile departments in which you have regularly appeared:

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____

List any Court-Appointed panels of which you are or have been a member in the past four years (include years of membership):

If you are a current or former San Francisco Juvenile Dependency Law Panel member and need to renew your experience requirements or if you believe you qualify for admission to the Juvenile Dependency Law Panel because you have practiced juvenile dependency law in another jurisdiction, complete Part A of this application.

To qualify to represent parents or guardians in dependency proceedings, please complete Class 1 of Part A below. To qualify to represent minors in dependency proceedings, complete Class 2 of Part A below.

If your application is based on juvenile dependency experience gained in another jurisdiction, you must also attach to this application a written summary of your experience in dependency law representing parents and/or minors and the manner in which you came to gain this experience (eg. private practice, Public Defender’s office, City Attorney’s office, etc.) You must also complete the “Introduction to Local Practice”, the requirements for which are listed under Part A, in both Class 1 and 2. **To find a mentor so that you may complete the “Introduction to Local Practice” section, please contact the LRIS Membership Coordinator @ (415) 782-9000 ext. 8750 for the list of Court approved mentors.** The LRIS Membership Coordinator will explain further details to you about this process.

If you believe you qualify for admission to the Juvenile Dependency Law Panel on account of your participation in BASF’s Juvenile Dependency Mentorship Training Program, then complete Part B of this application. To qualify to represent parents or guardians in dependency proceedings, please complete Class 1 of Part B below. To qualify to represent minors in dependency proceedings, complete Class 2 of Part B below.

You are not required to complete both parts A and B of this application.

Complete Part C if you would like to qualify for juvenile dependency appeals.

Part A: Dependency and Parental Rights

Class 1 - Representing Parents and Guardians - W & I Code §300

Applicant may qualify under Part A, Class 2, OR; within the last two years, applicant must have handled ten W & I §300 proceedings - three of which must have been contested hearings with testimony. The contested hearings may be jurisdictional, dispositional, dependency status renewal, or permanency planning hearings.

	<u>County</u>	<u>Court</u>	<u>Case #</u>	<u>Contested?</u>	<u>Inclusive dates of representation</u>
1.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
5.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
6.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
7.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
8.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
9.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

If the above requirements cannot be met, applicant must complete the mentorship program, Part B, Class 1 of the application.

Applicant must also attach to this application a written summary of his or her experience in dependency law representing children and the manner in which he or she came to gain this experience (eg. private practice, Public Defender’s office, City Attorney’s office, etc.) Applicant must also complete the requirements under the Introduction to Local Practice Checklist in coordination with a mentor. **To find a mentor, please contact the LRIS Membership Coordinator for the list of Court approved mentors.**

Introduction to Local Practice Checklist

Mark the corresponding checkbox as you complete the following required tasks:

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|---|-----------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Participate in Detention Hearing | Date completed: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conduct a Contested Hearing | Date completed: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conduct a Meeting with a Child | Date completed: _____ |

Part B: BASF’s Juvenile Dependency Membership Training Program

If you are applying following the completion of BASF’s Juvenile Dependency Mentorship Program, please complete the “Mentee Experience Checklist,” below. Applicant must have satisfactorily completed the required tasks and received a rating of successful in all categories of the Mentee Performance Evaluation prepared by the mentor. Applicant or mentor must submit the Mentee Performance Evaluation along with a letter of recommendation prepared by the mentor to complete the application. **To find a mentor, please contact the LRIS Membership Coordinator for the list of Court approved mentors @ (415) 782-9000 ext. 8750.** The LRIS Membership Coordinator will also explain further details to you about this process.

Mentee Experience Checklist

Check the corresponding box as you complete each of the required tasks and please list the last name of the mentor who accompanied you on your observation and performance of the required tasks.

Class 1 - Representing Parents and Guardians - W & I Code §300

I. In the course of the mentorship period, the mentee is required to observe the following proceedings:

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|--|-----------------------|---------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mediation. | Date completed: _____ | Mentor name(s)_____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Detention | Date completed: _____ | Mentor name(s)_____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Contested hearing | Date completed: _____ | Mentor name(s)_____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Two client interviews at detention stage. | Date completed: _____ | Mentor name(s)_____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> DSR calendar in Department 406. | Date completed: _____ | Mentor name(s)_____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> DSR calendar in Department 425. | Date completed: _____ | Mentor name(s)_____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PPH calendar in Department 406. | Date completed: _____ | Mentor name(s)_____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PPH calendar in Department 425. | Date completed: _____ | Mentor name(s)_____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> .26 calendar in Department 406. | Date completed: _____ | Mentor name(s)_____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> .26 calendar in Department 425. | Date completed: _____ | Mentor name(s)_____ |

II. In the course of the mentorship period, the mentee is required to perform the following tasks:

- Participate in a jurisdiction/disposition settlement conference. Date completed: _____ Mentor name(s) _____
- Prepare and present an offer of proof and/or conduct a direct examination of a witness. Date completed: _____ Mentor name(s) _____
- Review appropriate billing practices. Date completed: _____ Mentor name(s) _____
- Cross examine a witness. Date completed: _____ Mentor name(s) _____
- Observe a parent/child visit at a HSA visitation site. Date completed: _____ Mentor name(s) _____
- Prepare and conduct a final argument. Date completed: _____ Mentor name(s) _____
- Discuss with my mentor collateral issues such as IEPs, ICWA issues, immigration issues and criminal charges. Date completed: _____ Mentor name(s) _____

Class 2 - Representing Children- W & I Code §300

III. For mentees training to represent minors, in the course of the mentorship period, the mentee is also required to perform the following tasks:

- Perform a home visit. Date completed: _____ Mentor name(s) _____
- Conduct a collateral interview (with a teacher, foster parent, day care provider, etc.) Date completed: _____ Mentor name(s) _____
- Conduct a meeting with child. Date completed: _____ Mentor name(s) _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Part C: Appeals

W & I Code § 300

The majority of appeals arising out of Part A, Class 1 are handled by attorneys appointed through the First District Appellate Program (FDAP). If you wish to be referred to individuals interested in privately retaining an attorney in a matter arising out of a Section 300 matter described in Part A, you must meet the following Experience Requirements:

Experience Requirements

Applicant must qualify for Part A, Class 1 AND have been attorney of record and completed a majority of work in one appeal within the last three years in which briefs were filed and an opinion rendered involving a matter described in Part A.

Case #	Court	Date

I had full responsibility for all cases listed in the application, or if not, I have attached an explanation.

Date: _____

Signature: _____