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**APPLICATION FOR
JUVENILE DEPENDENCY LAW PANEL**

Name: _____ State Bar number: _____

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Full time SF office address: _____

Mailing address (if different): _____

Number of years of continuous active practice in California: _____

Number of years of continues active practice in Juvenile Dependency Court: _____

County of Juvenile Dependency Court: _____

Are you a certified Child Welfare Law specialist? Certification expiration date: _____

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, as a supplement to this application. However, applicants must complete as much of this application as possible, supplementing by letter, with the substantial equivalent experience.

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. Agree to and comply with the Lawyer Referral and Information Service Attorney Application & Agreement;
- B. To appear in court on the assigned date and time;
- C. To accept, as sole compensation, the monies awarded by the court;
- D. Applicant's principal place of practice must be in San Francisco.
- E. At least two-thirds of the applicant's practice must be in San Francisco.
- F. Applicant must not be a member of any other court appointed panel with similar requirements.
- G. Applicant must provide verification that during the year prior to submitting this application, applicant attended at least **fifteen (15)** units of Continuing Legal Education approved for credit by the State Bar of California relating directly to representation of minors and parents in Dependency

Proceedings. **This is a continuing annual obligation and complies with the State Bar Guidelines on the Delivery of Services in Indigent Defense.** Five of the 15 required units may be completed through self-study.

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

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

Date: _____ Signature: _____

II. QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS

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

In order to be referred/appointed to represent Parents or Guardians, applicant must have handled as attorney of record **ten** W & I §300 proceedings within the last **three** years - **three** of which must have been contested hearings in which non-family witnesses were examined or cross examined. Jurisdictional, Dispositional, Dependency Status Renewal, or Permanency Planning Hearings qualify as contested hearings.

	<u>Case name</u>	<u>Case Number</u>	<u>Jurisdiction and Name of Judge</u>	<u>Date(s)/Type of Contested Hearings</u>	<u>Inclusive Dates of representation</u>
1.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
5.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
6.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
7.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
8.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
9.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
10.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

San Francisco Local Practice Checklist Requirements – Class 1 (New Applicants Only)

- Participate in Detention Hearing Date completed: _____ Case name/number: _____ Judge/Commissioner _____
- Conduct a Contested Hearing Date completed: _____ Case name/number: _____ Judge/Commissioner _____

I hereby certify that during the preceding year, I have attended at least 15 units of Continuing Legal Education approved for credit by the State Bar of California relating directly to representation of Parents and Minors in dependency proceedings (5 of these units may be satisfied through self-study, the remaining 10 units must be “participatory”); (Please include attachment if more space is needed):

	Title of Training	Date(s) of training	Number of Hours	Provider	Self-Study (S) Participate (P)
1.					
2.					
3.					
4.					
5.					

I hereby declare under penalty of perjury that all of the information in this application is true and correct and that I had full responsibility for all cases listed in the application, or if not, I have attached an explanation.

Date: _____ Signature: _____

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

In order to be referred/appointed to represent a minor child, applicant must be/have been qualified to represent parents (Class 1) AND within the last **three** years, applicant must have represented as attorney of record a minor child in **ten** (10) W & I §300 proceedings - **three** of which must have been contested hearings in which non-family witnesses were examined or cross examined. Jurisdictional, Dispositional, Dependency Status Renewal, or Permanency Planning Hearings qualify as contested hearings.

<u>Case name</u>	<u>Case Number</u>	<u>Jurisdiction and Name of Judge</u>	<u>Date(s)/Type of Contested Hearings</u>	<u>Inclusive Dates of representation</u>
11. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
12. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
13. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
14. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
15. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
16. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
17. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
18. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
19. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
20. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____

San Francisco Local Practice Checklist Requirements – Class 2 (New Applicants Only)

- Participate in Detention Hearing Date completed: _____ Case name/number: _____ Judge/Commissioner _____
- Conduct a Contested Hearing Date completed: _____ Case name/number: _____ Judge/Commissioner _____
- Conduct a Meeting with a Child Date completed: _____ Case name/number: _____ Judge/Commissioner _____

I hereby certify that during the preceding year, I have attended at least 15 units of Continuing Legal Education approved for credit by the State Bar of California relating directly to representation of Parents and Minors in dependency proceedings (5 of these units may be satisfied through self-study, the remaining 10 units must be “participatory”); (Please include attachment if more space is needed):

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III: Appeals

W & I Code § 300

The majority of appeals arising out of 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 Class 1, you must meet the following Experience Requirements:

Applicant must qualify for Class 1 AND be a certified Child Welfare Law Specialist.

I am a certified specialist in Child Welfare Law. Certification expiration date: _____

I hereby declare under penalty of perjury that all of the information in this application is true and correct and that I had full responsibility for all cases listed in the application, or if not, I have attached an explanation.

Date: _____ Signature: _____

MUST BE SIGNED BY ALL APPLICANTS

I, the undersigned, have read the foregoing conditions for membership to the Juvenile Dependency Law Court Appointment sub panel and agree to be bound by them and I had full responsibility for all cases listed in the application, or if not, I have attached an explanation.

Date: _____ Signature: _____