

**APPLICATION FOR JUVENILE DEPENDENCY LAW PANEL:
COURT APPOINTMENTS AND PRIVATE REFERRALS**

The LRIS is a State Bar certified program that qualifies attorneys for appointments by the San Francisco Superior Court and private referrals.

Name: _____ State Bar number: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail address: _____

San Francisco office address: _____

Mailing address (if different): _____

Number of years of continuous active attorney practice in California: _____

Are you a [Child Welfare Law Specialist](#)? Certification expiration date: _____

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

COURT APPOINTMENTS — GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

In order to be appointed by the Superior Court as attorney of record in Juvenile Dependency cases, an attorney must be a member of the Juvenile Dependency Law Panel, and agree to the following:

- I. Agree to comply with the [Lawyer Referral and Information Service \(LRIS\) Rules](#) and [Annual Attorney Membership Agreement](#), as well as the [Dependency Representation Program Policies & Procedures Manual](#).
- II. Appear in court on the assigned date at the assigned times.
- III. Accept, as sole compensation, the monies awarded by the Court and pay the required fee to the LRIS.
- IV. Maintain a designated office open to the public in San Francisco available to receive mail, accept service and meet with clients during regular business hours; list the office address on all web pages, court pleadings, business cards and stationery; and list the areas of practice for which you have been approved to participate in the LRIS on your website as well.
- V. Applicant has active certification as a Child Welfare Law Specialist OR can provide verification that during the year prior to submitting this application, applicant attended at least 15 hours of training relating directly to representation of minors and parents in Dependency Court. All trainings must be Continuing Legal Education (CLE) approved for credit by the State Bar of California (State Bar), unless they are CLE approved by another

state. (Please note: approval to receive CLE credit for this Dependency panel does not certify the training is eligible for credit from the State Bar. Visit the [State Bar's webpage](#) for information on activities that qualify for MCLE.)

I, the undersigned, have read and understand the foregoing conditions for membership to the Juvenile Dependency Law Court Appointment panel, including the Lawyer Referral and Information Service (LRIS) [Annual Attorney Membership Agreement](#) as well as the [Dependency Representation Program Policies & Procedures Manual](#) and agree to be bound by them.

Date: _____ Signature: _____

JUVENILE DEPENDENCY PANEL QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS

Panel Classifications

Please check the box for each panel class to which you are applying:

- ☐ Class 1 – Parents & Guardians ☐ Class 2 – Minors & Non-minor Dependents
- ☐ Class 3 – Private Juvenile Dependency Appeals Referrals

Substantially Equivalent Experience

If you cannot meet the experience requirements for panel membership listed below, 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 [LRIS Rules](#), as a supplement to this application. Examples include, but are not limited to, cases which do not fall within the stated time period, as well as cases for which you sat as second chair with a statement detailing the nature of the case and an explanation of your involvement or role. Applicants must complete as much of this application as possible, supplementing by letter detailing their substantially equivalent experience.

- ☐ Attached is a statement of Substantially Equivalent Experience

CLASS 1 – PARENTS & GUARDIANS REPRESENTATION APPLICATION

In order to be referred/appointed to represent Parents or Guardians, you must:

- I.** Within the last three years, have handled 10 Welfare & Institutions Code §300 proceedings, three of which must have been contested hearings in which witnesses were examined or cross-examined (contested Detention, Jurisdictional, Dispositional, Dependency Status Renewal, or Permanency Planning Hearings may qualify); and
- II.** satisfy the following San Francisco local practice requirements (new applicants only): A) participate in one detention hearing, and B) conduct one contested hearing:

Case Name	Case Number	Jurisdiction and Name of Judge	Date(s)/Type of Contested Hearings	Inclusive Dates of Representation
1. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____

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San Francisco Local Practice Checklist Requirements (new applicants only):

A. Participate in one detention hearing:

SF	Date(s) of Hearing	Client Name/Case Number	Other Counsel/Type of Party
<input type="checkbox"/>			

B. Conduct one contested hearing:

SF	Type of Hearing	Date(s) of Hearing	Client Name/Case Number	Other Counsel/Type of Party
<input type="checkbox"/>				

(Cont.): _____

III. Write a statement of purpose for representing parents/guardians (new applicants only):

IV. Certify that during the preceding year, you have attended at least 15 units of CLE relating directly to representation of parents and minors in Dependency proceedings (10 of these units may be satisfied through “self-study;” the remaining five units must be “participatory”). All trainings must be CLE approved for credit by the State Bar, unless they are CLE approved by another state. (Please include attachment if more space is needed):

	Title of Training	Date(s) of Trainings	Number of Hours	Provider	Self-Study (S) Participate (P)
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I hereby declare under penalty of perjury that all of the information in this application is true and correct and that during the above listed “Dates of Representation” I had main responsibility for all cases listed in this application, even if under the supervision of the attorney of record.

Date: _____ Signature: _____

CLASS 2 – CHILD REPRESENTATION APPLICATION

In order to be referred/appointed to represent a minor child, you must:

- I.** Qualify to represent parents and guardians (Class 1); and
- II.** within the last three years, have represented minor children or non-minor dependents in at least 10 Welfare & Institution Code §300 proceedings, three of which must have been contested hearings in which witnesses were examined or cross-examined (contested Detention, Jurisdictional, Dispositional, Dependency Status Renewal, or Permanency Planning Hearings may qualify); and
- III.** satisfy the following San Francisco local practice requirements (new applicants only): A) participate in one detention hearing, B) conduct one contested hearing, and C) conduct one meeting with a child client in preparation for a contested hearing:

	Case Name	Case Number(s)	Jurisdiction and Name of Judge	Date(s)/Type of Contested Hearings	Inclusive Dates of Representation
1.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

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San Francisco Local Practice Checklist Requirements (new applicants only):

A. Participate in one detention hearing:

SF	Date(s) of Hearing	Eldest Child's Name/ Case Number	Other Counsel/Type of Party
<input type="checkbox"/>			

B. Conduct one contested hearing:

SF	Type of Hearing	Date(s) of Hearing	Client Name/ Case Number	Other Counsel/ Type of Party
<input type="checkbox"/>				

(Cont.): _____

C. Conduct a meeting with a child in preparation for a contested hearing:

SF	Date & Length of Meeting	Client Name/Case Number	Other Counsel/Type of Party
<input type="checkbox"/>			

IV. Write a statement of purpose for representing children and non-minor dependent youth (new applicants only):

- V. Certify that during the preceding year, you have attended at least 15 units of CLE relating directly to representation of parents and minors in Dependency proceedings (10 of these units may be satisfied through “self-study,” the remaining five units must be “participatory”). All trainings must be CLE approved for credit by the State Bar, unless they are CLE approved by another state. (Please include attachment if more space is needed):

	Title of Training	Date(s) of Trainings	Number of Hours	Provider	Self-Study (S) Participate (P)
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CLASS 3 – PRIVATE JUVENILE DEPENDENCY APPEALS REFERRALS

The majority of appeals arising out of Class 1 are handled by attorneys appointed through the First District Appellate Program (FDAP) for indigent clients. If you wish to be referred individuals interested in privately retaining an attorney in a writ or appellate matter arising out of a Section 300 matter, as described in Class 1, you must:

- I. ☐ Qualify for Class 1;

OR

II. ☐ be a certified Child Welfare Law Specialist. Date of Certification: _____

I hereby declare under penalty of perjury that all of the information in this application is true and correct and that during the above listed “Dates of Representation” (if Class 1 is checked) I had main responsibility for all cases listed in this application, even if under the supervision of the attorney of record.

Date: _____

Signature: _____

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