

**NOTE: DO NOT COMPLETE THIS APPLICATION UNLESS YOU HAVE BEEN A MEMBER OF THE LAW GUARDIAN PANEL FOR AT LEAST ONE YEAR.**

**ASSIGNED COUNSEL DEFENDER PLAN  
NASSAU COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION  
15th & West Streets  
Mineola, NY 11501  
Administrator, Patrick L. McCloskey  
516-747-8448**

**APPLICATION TO THE ASSIGNED COUNSEL PLAN  
NASSAU COUNTY**

**FAMILY / SURROGATE'S COURT**

**Name: (Print)** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Home Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**City, State & Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

**Office Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Office Phone** \_\_\_\_\_  
**City, State & Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

**Social Security # or Tax I.D.#** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please direct correspondence about my application to:**

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**Indicate the Nassau county 18B panel(s) to which you are currently certified:  
(if applicable)**

Family Court

Surrogate's Court

Appellate

**Indicate the panel(s) for which you are applying:**

Family Court

Surrogate's

Appellate

**Are you certified to any criminal court panels?**  Yes  No

District Court

County Court

**Are you certified to any criminal court panels?**  Yes  No

**Indicate County and Panel** \_\_\_\_\_

**Law School :** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date of Graduation:** \_\_\_\_\_

**When and where were you admitted to the New York Bar?**

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Department:** \_\_\_\_\_

1. List all law positions held since graduation, including part-time employment and clerkships: (provide name and address of employer or judge and dates of employment)

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ From -To: \_\_\_\_\_

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2. Present law position or title held(e.g., Partner, Associate, Individual, Private Practice, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. Are you a Law Guardian?  Yes  No  
(a) Date you became a member of the Law Guardian Panel \_\_\_\_\_

4. General nature of current practice  
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5. During the last five years in how many Family/Surrogate Court cases have you participated as sole or principal counsel? \_\_\_\_\_

6. During the last five years in how many Supreme Court Cases have you participated which involve custody or adoption? \_\_\_\_\_

7. During the last eighteen months how many cases involving each of the following matters have you handled? [Included all cases, not merely 18B. Give closest estimate of numbers].

Custody	_____	Abuse	_____
Guardianship	_____	Support	_____
Adoption	_____	J.D.'s	_____
Neglect	_____	PINS	_____
Termination of Rights	_____		

8. During the eighteen months how many of the following types of witnesses have you examined during hearings or trials?

Police Officers	_____	Social Workers	_____
Psychologists	_____	Probation Officers	_____
Psychiatrists	_____	Validators	_____
Medical Experts	_____	Other Experts	_____

9. How many cases have you handled in Supreme, Family or Surrogate's Courts in the past eighteen months which resulted in Hearings or Trial?

Supreme Court \_\_\_\_\_ Family Court \_\_\_\_\_ Surrogate's Court \_\_\_\_\_

10. In the past five(5) years how many appellate cases have you handled as sole or principal counsel?

Criminal Matters \_\_\_\_\_ Civil Matters \_\_\_\_\_

11. In how many did you author a brief? \_\_\_\_\_; or argue the appeal? \_\_\_\_\_

12. Have you ever taken Family Court/ Surrogate's Court cases on a pro-bono basis? If so, state the number of cases and provide a brief description of each:

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13. Do you have any other relevant legal experience that you feel will be helpful in evaluating your competence to serve on the panels for which you have applied? If so state particulars: (use addendum if necessary).

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14. Do you have any special training or skills, including foreign language proficiency, that you feel will be helpful in your ability to serve on the panels for which you have applied? If so, state particulars:

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15. Have you ever been denied or refused certification or admission to any assigned counsel panel? If so, state particulars:

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**16. Have you ever been relieved from an assigned case? If so, state particulars:**

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**17. Have you ever been suspended, removed, dropped or asked to resign from any assigned counsel panel (for reasons other than the scheduled reformation of the panel)? If so, state particulars: (Use addendum, if necessary)**

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**18. Have you ever been held in contempt? If so, State particulars.**

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**19. Have you ever been the subject of a complaint to a bar association or department grievance committee which resulted in your admonition, reprimand or censure, your suspension from the practice of law or your disbarment? If so, state particulars:**

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**20. Have you ever been convicted of a crime in this state or in any jurisdiction of an offense which if committed in New York would constitute a crime? If so, state particulars:**

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**21. Are you currently or have you been within the last five years under treatment by a physician, psychologist or therapist for any physical, mental, emotional illness or substance dependency or other disorder that arguably might affect your performance as a litigator? If so, state particulars:**

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**22. List the names, addresses and telephone numbers of three adversaries within the last three years.**

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**23. List the names, addresses and telephone numbers of the three attorneys familiar with your trial or appellate work through actual observation:**

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**24. List the names, addresses and telephone numbers of three judges before whom you have conducted a hearing or trial. If you have not done either, note three judges familiar with our work and abilities.**

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**I hereby affirm under penalty of perjury that the information provided by me on this application is correct and complete to the best of my knowledge. I certify that I have read and am familiar with Article 18-B of the County Law, rules of the Appellate Division Second Department, and the Assigned Counsel Plan. I agree to abide by all rules and regulations now existing or from time to time promulgated and relating to the conduct of attorneys on the Assigned Counsel Plan Panels.**

**Dated:** \_\_\_\_\_  
New York

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**Signature**