

# **HAMPDEN COUNTY LAWYERS FOR JUSTICE, INC.**

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## **To apply to the Hampden County Lawyers for Justice program:**

1. Complete the “Application and Information Form” and the form on which you have indicated your court preferences and CPCS certifications and return them to the HCLJ office. Please include three current letters of reference, a resume and a writing sample with your application.
2. Complete the application form for the *Zealous Advocacy in the District Courts* training; send the original to CPCS at the highlighted address and include a copy with your HCLJ application.

**If you are applying for a waiver from the training**, complete the “Request for Waiver of Training Requirement” and mail it to CPCS *at the address indicated on the form*.

A copy of CPCS’s “Certification Requirements” is enclosed for your information. Also included is information on the requirements for different CPCS panels.

Please call our office if you have any questions.

Thank you.

Enclosures

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**APPLICATION AND INFORMATION FORM**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ B.B.O. No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Office Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security No.: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Office Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

FAX No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Optional: \_\_\_\_\_ Male; \_\_\_\_\_ Female

Date of admission to Mass. Bar: \_\_\_\_\_ How long in private practice? \_\_\_\_\_

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

Languages, other than English, & level of fluency:

Optional: \_\_\_\_\_ Black; \_\_\_\_\_ Hispanic; \_\_\_\_\_ Caucasian; \_\_\_\_\_ Asian; \_\_\_\_\_ Native American; \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Have you been disciplined by the Board of Bar Overseers (B.B.O.) of this state or a disciplinary authority of another jurisdiction?** \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, please explain briefly in a separate letter. Your correspondence should be addressed to the Board of Directors of the Hampden County Lawyers for Justice, Inc. and will be treated confidentially.

**Criminal trial experience:** \_\_\_\_\_ None; \_\_\_\_\_ 5 or fewer jury trials; \_\_\_\_\_ 10 or more jury trials

Number of bench trials: \_\_\_\_\_; Number of jury trials: \_\_\_\_\_; Number of evidentiary motion hearings: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please list any other trial and/or jury trial experience, criminal or civil:**

**Please list any seminars or trainings attended;** include date of CPCS *Zealous Advocacy Training*, if completed. Additional pages may be attached if necessary.

**Please list any CPCS certifications you have** (i.e. district or superior court, appeals, mental health, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

**Please list any other county bar advocate programs of which you are a member**, have been a member, or to which you are applying:

\_\_\_\_\_ member \_\_\_\_\_ former member \_\_\_\_\_ applying  
to

**Proof of professional liability insurance** in an amount not less than \$100,000.00 / \$300,000.00 and having a deductible of not more than \$10,000.00 is required of each attorney accepting assignments through the Hampden County Bar Advocates, Inc. and CPCS. A *Certificate of Insurance* for your policy must be provided to the Bar Advocate office prior to any duty day assignments.

I certify the information I have supplied to the Hampden County Lawyers for Justice, Inc. in this application is true and complete.

I further agree not to contact either directly or indirectly, in person, by telephone or by any form of electronic communication or to initiate or request any third party to contact any member of the Board of Directors of the Hampden County Lawyers for Justice, Inc. or any supervising attorney about this application except for the required letters of recommendation. I acknowledge that doing so will result in my immediate disqualification from panel membership.

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**FIRST - Please indicate which panel, Juvenile or District Court, that you are MOST interested in accepting assignments.**

\_\_\_ **District Court**

\_\_\_ **Juvenile Court**

**SECOND – If you chose District Court as your first choice, then please rank the District Courts in order of preference.**

**District Courts:**

\_\_\_ Chicopee District Court

\_\_\_ Springfield District Court

\_\_\_ Holyoke District Court

\_\_\_ Westfield District Court

\_\_\_ Palmer District Court

If you chose the Juvenile Court as your first choice, then please rank the Juvenile Courts in order of preference.

**Juvenile Courts:**

\_\_\_ Holyoke Juvenile Court

\_\_\_ Springfield Juvenile Court

\_\_\_ Palmer Juvenile Court

**Superior Court ( There is a separate certification, in addition to that required for handling district or juvenile court cases, to accept cases in superior court. If you are not superior court certified, please skip this section)**

\_\_\_ Hampden County Superior Court

\_\_\_ Duty Day Assignments

\_\_\_ Conflicts, Co-Defendants

**Superior Court cases arising in the:**

\_\_\_ Chicopee District Court

\_\_\_ Holyoke District Court

\_\_\_ Palmer District Court

\_\_\_ Springfield District Court

\_\_\_ Westfield District Court

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**Please indicate which certifications you have received from the Committee for Public Counsel Services:**

\_\_\_ Appeals

\_\_\_ Mental Health

\_\_\_ CHINS, C&Ps

\_\_\_ Murder

\_\_\_ District Court

\_\_\_ Superior Court

\_\_\_ Juvenile Delinquency

\_\_\_ Youthful Offender

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**Please list when you attended the *Zealous Advocacy in the District Courts* training or when you received a wavier from said training ( attach copy of waiver or certificate of completion of training :**

CPCS Bar Advocate Training Program  
“Zealous Advocacy in the District Courts”

To apply for admission to the CPCS Bar Advocate Training Program, follow these steps:

1. Complete this *Basic Application for Admission*
2. Send one copy of this completed application to each county bar advocate program to which you wish to apply (list of bar advocate programs attached)
3. Send one copy of this completed application to the CPCS Training Unit to [kmunichiello@publiccounsel.net](mailto:kmunichiello@publiccounsel.net)
4. Contact the individual bar advocate programs to determine the status of your application and whether you need to submit additional information
5. The Bar Advocate Programs will notify the CPCS Training Unit if and when you are accepted into that program’s panel of attorneys
6. CPCS Training Unit will review your application and notify you if and when you have been accepted into the Training Program. **(Acceptance into a County Bar Advocate Program does not guarantee acceptance into the CPCS Training Program)**

**Please note: Attorneys are not eligible to accept appointments through Bar Advocate Programs, in criminal cases, while simultaneously employed by a prosecutor’s office or other law enforcement agency. In addition, if you accept employment with a prosecutor’s office or other law enforcement agency after submitting an application for admission to a Bar Advocate Program, you must update your application by providing written notice of that fact to each Bar Advocate Program to which you have applied and the CPCS Training Unit.**

Please complete all of the following:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Firm Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Office Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
If you do not have office space, please state your intentions regarding arrangements for meeting with clients. Absence of office/meeting space may delay your acceptance into the Training Program.

Office Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

FAX: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Home Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

FAX: \_\_\_\_\_

BBO Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Admission to Massachusetts Bar: \_\_\_\_\_

*While you may apply to a Bar Advocate Program for admission prior to being admitted to the Bar, you must be a member of the Massachusetts Bar and have a BBO number before CPCS will place you in the Zealous Advocacy in the District Courts Training Program*

**Law School(s) and Date of graduation:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Bar Advocate program(s) to which you intend to apply:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**(listing of Bar Advocate Programs located on last page of application)**

**PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND (please answer all questions – attach additional sheets if necessary) (incomplete applications will not be considered)**

1. Describe your educational and employment history. (attach resume)
2. Describe what in your background is evidence of commitment to the indigent population, to criminal law or to trial or negotiation skills development \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. Have you ever been disbarred, suspended, reprimanded, censured or otherwise formally disciplined, publicly or privately, by licensing authority, public employer assigned counsel program, as an attorney or as a member of any other profession or as a holder of public office? \_\_\_\_\_ (If answer is yes, please explain)\_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_
4. Are any charges or complaints now pending before any court or agency concerning your conduct as an attorney, or as a member of any other profession, or as a holder of any public office? \_\_\_\_ (if answer is yes, please explain)\_\_\_\_\_  
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5. Do you speak any foreign languages? If so, state language(s) and level of proficiency and fluency \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. The Committee for Public Counsel Services is committed to assuring that the panel of attorneys accepting criminal assignments is sensitive to the diversity of the defendant population it serves. What background, experience and perspectives would you bring to the panel which would further the goals of having a diverse panel that provides high quality legal representation? (please answer these questions in two pages or less of text)
7. Are you currently employed, either as a volunteer, or salaried employee, full or part-time, by either a prosecutor's office or other law enforcement agency? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. If answer is yes, please describe your plans with regard to maintaining such employment. \_\_\_\_\_  
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8. Please briefly state the reasons why you seek to become certified to accept criminal assignments in the District Court, and briefly furnish any other information which you think would be helpful to the evaluation of your application. \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Optional Information for Demographic Reporting:**

**Gender:**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Male**    \_\_\_\_\_ **Female**

**Ethnic Origin:**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Asian or Pacific Islander**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Black/non-Hispanic**

\_\_\_\_\_ **American Indian or Alaska Native**

\_\_\_\_\_ **White Non-Hispanic**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Hispanic**

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**CPCS Private Counsel Division  
County Bar Advocate Program FY24**

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