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Dear Attorney:

Thank you for your inquiry about receiving appointments. Appellate Defenders, Inc. (ADI), is a nonprofit corporation founded in 1972. It assists the Court of Appeal, Fourth Appellate District (San Diego, Riverside, Santa Ana), in administering the appointments system and improving the quality of indigent representation. As part of its duties in this program, ADI evaluates the qualifications of all attorneys seeking appointment, selects an attorney for each case, assists the attorney throughout the case, and recommends compensation.

We receive numerous applications to the panel. For panel members to gain a meaningful amount of experience, we must limit new admissions to applicants with strong skills in writing and legal analysis, as evidenced in their academic record and professional background and writing samples. We look for significant experience in criminal and dependency appeals or other outstanding relevant qualifications. By state judicial policy, applicants must have their main office in California (with limited exceptions for attorneys already receiving independent appointments from other Court of Appeal projects). They must be an active member of the California State Bar to receive case offers.

If you believe you meet these requirements, please complete the application form and return it to us with a resume and two writing samples, substantially your own work, which must be legal documents demonstrating writing, research, and analytical skills. We will evaluate the application materials and let you know whether we can add your name to the panel at this time. If we can admit you, it may be to an active rotation or a waitlist, depending on current needs. The evaluation process takes several weeks.

We greatly appreciate your interest in accepting appointments to represent indigent persons before the Fourth Appellate District.

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Send this **application form**, a **resume**, and the requested **writing samples** to ADI at the address in the letterhead or email the materials to [eea@adi-sandiego.com](mailto:eea@adi-sandiego.com).

**APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENTS  
IN THE FOURTH APPELLATE DISTRICT  
\*\* APPELLATE DEFENDERS, INC. \*\***

(Main Address)

(For ADI Use Only)

- A. Name \_\_\_\_\_
- Address \_\_\_\_\_
- Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

If you use a P.O. Box, please include in addition a street address for receipt of transcripts. Indicate **For ADI use only** if you do not want the street address released to the court or clients. *All attorneys must provide some official address for use of the court and clients.*

- B. Please check the types of cases you want to handle:

- Criminal       Juvenile Delinquency       Dependency (W&I ' 300)
- LPS Conservatorship

- C. Check any one or more of the divisions where you would accept appointments. You must be willing to travel to that area whenever necessary for oral argument, review of files and exhibits, investigation, etc.

- Div. 1 (San Diego)       Div. 2 (Riverside)       Div. 3 (Santa Ana)

- D. Year of Admission to Calif. Bar \_\_\_\_\_ Calif. State Bar No. \_\_\_\_\_

Law School \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Graduation \_\_\_\_\_

Class Rank \_\_\_\_\_

Honors and activities in law school and college:

- E. Of the years you have been in practice, an aggregate of how many have been devoted to the types of cases you are applying for? \_\_\_\_\_

Describe your experience with these cases and very briefly summarize the rest of your experience:

F. Number of appeals you have handled in which the appellant's opening brief is on file: \_\_\_\_\_. Please list the two most recent and any especially significant cases you have handled:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Case No.</i>	<i>Date AOB Filed</i>	<i>Result (if any yet) Include cite if published</i>
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G. Relevant seminars or other training programs attended recently:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Subject Matter</i>	<i>Sponsor</i>
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H. Indicate any areas of special expertise and interest and any limitations on the types of cases you want.

I. Please indicate any foreign language proficiency:

J. References:

K. How did you learn about Appellate Defenders=panel?

L. ***IMPORTANT: PLEASE INCLUDE TWO WRITING SAMPLES!***

We treat these as a major factor in evaluating applications and ask the samples be opening briefs or similar substantial documents demonstrating writing, research, and analytical skills.



*I HEREBY CERTIFY that all of the above information is true. I understand that by submitting this application I agree in all cases to serve copies of briefs and other filings on Appellate Defenders, Inc., submit compensation claims to it, and consult with it before filing any Wende-Anders or other no-merit brief. In Assisted@cases I will make transcripts and preliminary drafts of briefs available to Appellate Defenders, Inc., in a timely fashion. I agree in all other respects to cooperate with the Appellate Defenders, Inc., staff and program requirements.*

SIGNED \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_.