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RE: Criminal Panel Application Instructions

Dear Attorney:

On behalf of the Newport Harbor Bar Association, thank you for your interest in the Quasi-Indigent Criminal Defense Panel that our Association administers and regulates for the Superior Court of California, County of Orange, Harbor Justice Center, Newport Beach Facility. This Panel is crucial to the Court in achieving access to justice through qualified, participating members of the local bar based upon ability to pay.

In order to be considered for the Criminal Defense Panel, it is required that you meet the minimum qualifications and agree to be bound by the terms of participation. The first of which is to submit a completed Application and Agreement which includes your declaration under penalty of perjury that you meet the minimum qualifications; agree to the terms and conditions of participation; provide the supporting documentation and application fee. **Please note that some of the requirements have changed.** Incomplete applications will be rejected without consideration.

In the event you are qualified, please complete the Application in ink, print neatly and return the duly executed **original** Application to us for consideration. Enclose with it:

1. Proof of Membership in the N.H.B.A. (by copy of your membership dues) for at least 6 months prior to submission of the Application;
2. Copies of MCLE certificates for N.H.B.A. MCLE programs (3 in 6 months, 6 if member a year or more) in the last year (do not have to be a N.H.B.A. member when you attended MCLE);
3. Copy of your California State Bar Card (2012 is fine if Application is submitted before April 1st of this year; otherwise 2013 card);
4. Copy of your most current Professional Liability Insurance Declaration,
5. If you are not a member of N.H.B.A., go online at www.newportbar.org and join the Association. Pay your dues online or include a check (\$50.00) via mail with this Application. Your Application will be held until the expiration of 6 months.
6. Your check payable to the N.H.B.A. in the amount of \$150.00 for the non-refundable application fee.
7. If you care to include a couple of references, we would appreciate it, but it is optional.

Upon receipt of the completed Application together with all fees, your Application will be processed and vetted. If approved by the board and the Court, your name will be included in the next available rotation or maintained on a waiting list in order of receipt. Thank you. Any questions please feel free to contact the Chairman, Linda A. Iannelli, (949) 729-3171.