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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 under the auspices of the San Diego County Bar Association. It is assisting 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 the 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 background and writing samples, as well as significant experience in criminal and dependency appeals or other outstanding relevant qualifications.

If you believe you meet these requirements, please complete the application form and return it to us with the requested writing samples. We will evaluate the application and writing samples and let you know if we can add your name to the panel at this time. The evaluation process takes several weeks.

I want to express our great appreciation for your interest in accepting appointments to represent indigent individuals before the Court of Appeal.

Very sincerely yours,

ELAINE A. ALEXANDER
Executive Director

**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 _____.

