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**APPLICATION FOR THE PRO BONO ATTORNEY OF THE DAY
IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION LAW PANEL**

Name: _____

State Bar number: _____

Telephone: _____

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E-mail address: _____

Office address: _____

Mailing address (if different): _____

Number of years of continuous active practice: _____

Substantial Equivalent Experience

If you cannot meet the following requirements for Panel membership, but believe that you qualify by reason of substantial, equivalent experience, you may submit an outline of such experience, as provided for in Rule 6 of the Lawyer Referral and Information Service Rules.

Certified Specialists

An applicant who is a certified Immigration and Nationality Law specialist, and whose current certification will last through the current membership year, automatically qualifies for all classes except Class 3 (b). Otherwise, applicant must satisfy the qualifications under Class 3 (b) for in-custody adjudications.

I am a certified Immigration and Nationality Law specialist. Date certified: _____

Approval of applicants on this panel qualify attorneys to participate in the San Francisco Immigration Court's Attorney of the Day Program (AOD), administered on behalf of the Court through the calendaring of qualified attorneys by the Lawyer Referral and Information Service. The AOD Program benefits the Immigration Court and the unrepresented respondents who are advised. Participants in this program are prohibited from soliciting paid representation from the respondents whom they advise in their capacity as the Attorney of the Day. It has been the long-standing policy of the LRIS that the purpose of the pro bono Attorney of the Day calendar is to provide legal assistance to individuals as a public service. As the administrating organization, the Bar Association of San Francisco through its Lawyer Referral and Information Service must ensure that it is not funneling clients to a limited number of attorneys who volunteer for public service opportunities.

Experience Qualifications

Class 1 – Deportation Defense

1 (a) – Non-custody adjudications and pro bono case requirement

Within the last three years, applicant must have represented immigrants in five removal proceedings in which an application for relief was made (this does not include a request for voluntary departure) or a motion to terminate was filed and the case was handled to disposition, e.g. where there was a final order by the immigration judge (or an order by the IJ that was not a final order but was subsequently appealed).

Place case was filed	Final Hearing or Disposition Date	Type of Case/Relief
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____
5. _____	_____	_____

1 (a) Pro Bono Case Requirement: For those who qualify and are interested to be calendared as Attorney of the Day for Class 1 (a) Deportation Defense - Non-Custody, you are required to accept full representation in ONE pro bono case through the LRIS Volunteer Immigration Program (V.I.P.) for EACH YEAR of participation on the Court’s Attorney of the Day calendar. Record of your V.I.P. case referral(s) will be maintained as part of your membership application with the LRIS. If you cannot meet this requirement, please attach an explanation for why not. In exceptional circumstances, this requirement may be waived.

1 (b) – In-custody adjudications

Applicant may qualify one of the following ways:

Applicant meets the requirements for Class 1(a) AND is a member of the LRIS Criminal Law Panel at the Regular Felony Level or higher, or have equivalent criminal experience. (Please include a statement of substantial, equivalent experience.)

I am a felony-level member of the Criminal Law Panel.

OR

Within the last two years, applicant must have represented immigrants in five removal proceedings that involved criminal issues where a final disposition was made by an immigration judge, and for which an application for relief was made (this does not include a request for voluntary departure) or a motion to terminate was filed and the case was handled to disposition, e.g. where there was a final order by the immigration judge (or an order by the IJ that was not a final order because it was subsequently appealed). No more than one of the five removal proceedings can be a contested bond hearing with a final disposition custody status.

	Place case was filed	Final Hearing or Disposition Date	Type of Case
1.	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____
5.	_____	_____	_____

I had full responsibility for all cases listed in the application, or if not, I have attached an explanation.

Date: _____ Signature: _____