

**APPOINTED COUNSEL CERTIFICATION AS LEAD COUNSEL
FOR CAPITAL MURDER REPRESENTATION**

The Office of Indigent Defense Services Administrative Rule 355-9-1.-08 establishes attorney qualifications for counsel to act as lead and associate counsel in a capital case. Any attorney, whether appointed or public defender, accepting an appointment in a capital case must meet the criteria established by the Administrative Rule. On or after October 1, 2018, an attorney must have submitted this certification form, prior to appointment, to receive an assignment as lead or associate counsel and receive payment from the Fair Trial Tax Fund. This certification list will be maintained and updated by the Office of Indigent Defense Services and distributed to the Presiding Judge of each judicial circuit yearly, or when updates are necessary. **Please note that if an attorney meets the requirements for certification as lead counsel, the attorney is automatically certified to accept appointments as associate counsel and completion of the Associate Counsel Certification Form is not required**

This application for certification must be completed and either mailed, emailed or faxed to the Office of Indigent Defense Services no later than August 31, 2018. The contact information for the Office of Indigent Defense Services is as follows:

Mailing: P.O. Box 302598, Montgomery, AL 36130-2598
Email: oids@oids.alabama.gov
Fax: (334) 353-4405

Attorney Information

Name: _____

Firm: _____

Address: _____

_____ (City) _____ (County) _____ (State)

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Certification to Act as Lead or Associate Counsel

I. Admission Date to Alabama State Bar: _____

If less than five (5) years, please list any prior bar admissions in other states:

I verify have at least five (5) years of criminal litigation experience:

___ YES ___ NO

II. I verify I am familiar with the Alabama Rules of Professional Conduct, current criminal practice and procedure in Alabama, and capital jurisprudence established by the U.S. Supreme Court and the Supreme Court of Alabama.

___ YES ___ NO

III. I verify I have litigated a capital case to verdict, hung jury or plea as associate or lead counsel, or have litigated four (4) homicide cases to verdict, hung jury, or plea.

[Please provide list of case(s). If counsel has litigated more than four homicide cases and acted as counsel in a prior capital case, only the capital case(s) needs to be listed.]

County	Case # (if known)	Case Caption	Date Resolved

IV. I verify I have substantial familiarity with, and experience in the use of, scientific and medical evidence in litigation.

___ YES ___ NO

V. I verify I have completed at least ten (10) hours of capital defense related continuing legal education in the past two (2) years. (Counsel must attach copy of CLE transcript).

___ YES ___ NO

In submitting this application for certification, I authorize the Office of Indigent Defense Services, the local Indigent Defense Advisory Board and the Indigent Defense Review Panel to contact all persons, firms, officers, organizations, state and federal agencies and any other entity about the information set forth herein and to request any relevant documentation, records or other information necessary to conduct a full investigation of this application.

Applicant Signature

Date

Applicant's Printed Name