

**UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE SECOND CIRCUIT**

CHIEF JUDGE DENNIS JACOBS

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For Immediate Release

The Criminal Justice Act/Pro Bono Committee is accepting applications for service on the Pro Bono Panel. The final date for filing of applications is **FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 2009.**

Pro Bono Panel members will, at the Court's own invitation, or on an appellant's motion for appointment of counsel, represent *pro se* litigants in civil appeals which present issues of first impression, complex issues of law or fact, or which raise potentially meritorious claims warranting further briefing and oral argument. Pro bono representation will be provided to those litigants whom the Court deems would benefit from such representation but who would otherwise be unable to pay for counsel and are ineligible for the appointment of counsel pursuant to the Criminal Justice Act.

Cases for which pro bono counsel will be appointed include a broad range of legal issues. While a significant percentage of the cases are prisoner civil rights appeals, many other issues may be included, such as those involving labor and employment, discrimination, social security, immigration and tax law.

Applicants must be admitted to and members in good standing of the Bar of the Second Circuit, or have an application pending before this Court, and have at least three years of appellate experience. Pro Bono Panel members will serve for a term not to exceed three years.

Those Pro Bono Panel Members who were appointed by the Court in 2006 for a three-year term, must submit a new application if they wish to remain on the Panel.

All attorneys seeking appointment to the Pro Bono Panel must submit an application which is available on the Court's website at <http://www.ca2.uscourts.gov>, a resume and three writing samples, preferably appellate briefs on which the attorney was the primary author. Completed applications and accompanying documents must be submitted to **Elizabeth Cronin, Director of Legal Affairs, United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, 40 Foley Square, New York, NY 10007, by no later than Friday, April 24, 2009.**