

SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 20-13

**CJA/CCAN Investigator Panel Members: Extension of Deadline to Obtain
Background Checks Due to COVID-19**

WHEREAS, the Plan for Furnishing Representation to Indigents under the District of Columbia Criminal Justice Act and the Plan for Furnishing Representation in Neglect Proceedings in the District of Columbia provide for the appointment of qualified investigators; and

WHEREAS, Administrative Order 02-13, issued on April 12, 2002, adopted the Guidelines for Investigators in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia ("Investigator Guidelines") to govern persons certified to receive payment for investigative services under the Criminal Justice Act ("CJA") and Counsel for Child Abuse and Neglect ("CCAN") Program; and

WHEREAS, Administrative Order 02-24, issued on August 1, 2002, designated the members of the CJA/CCAN Investigator Panel and instituted training and recertification requirements for CJA/CCAN investigators; and

WHEREAS, the Investigator Guidelines, as amended by Administrative Order 10-14, and as further amended by Administrative Order 12-17, issued on November 29, 2012, require the reestablishment of the CJA/CCAN Investigator Panel every four years beginning October 1, 2010; and

WHEREAS, Administrative Order 18-13, issued on September 27, 2018, and superseded by Administrative Order 19-02, issued on February 1, 2019, reestablished the CJA/CCAN Investigator Panel as required; and

WHEREAS, every two years, certified investigator panel members are required to submit to the office of the Public Defender Service, FBI and Local Background results no later than June 30, 2020;

WHEREAS, due to the current COVID-19 health pandemic and reduced government operations, current members of the Investigator Panel are encountering a delay in obtaining the required FBI and Local Background results;

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the administration of justice for the CJA/CCAN Investigator Panel to continue to provide investigative services at this time;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is by the Court,

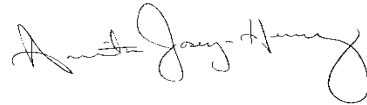
ORDERED, that the members of the CJA/CCAN Investigator Panel established by Administrative Order 19-02 and set forth in Attachment A, shall remain on the Panel, subject to the requirement that they submit a complete certification of good standing to the Office of Public Defender Service, Attachment B, by October 30, 2020; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that members of the CJA/CCAN Investigator Panel shall submit updated FBI and Local Background results no later than June 30, 2021, absent further extension of the deadline for submission; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that failure to comply with these requirements could result in forfeiture of Investigator certification and removal from the Investigator Panel.

ORDERED, that this Order shall take effect on the 2nd of October, 2020.

SO ORDERED.
BY THE COURT
DATE: October 2, 2020



Anita Josey- Herring
Chief Judge