



Eighteenth Judicial Circuit

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EIGHTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR COURT-APPOINTED REGISTRY

Florida Statutes require the chief judge of the judicial circuit to compile a list of attorneys in private practice, by category of cases, who are available for appointment when the Public Defender's Office and the Office of Criminal Conflict and Civil Regional Counsel are unable to provide representation due to a conflict of interest.

The Eighteenth Judicial Circuit is currently accepting applications for Court-Appointed Counsel for the fiscal year July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027. Attorneys wishing to apply must submit a Court-Appointed Counsel Registry Application, current resume, and verification of Florida Bar membership during the open enrollment period, beginning May 1 through May 31. Applications are available at www.flcourts18.org under Attorney Resources. Attorneys who have questions regarding the changes in the registry may contact Michelle Kennedy at michelle.kennedy@flcourts18.org.

The deadline for submitting applications is May 31, 2026. The open enrollment deadline and residency requirement may be waived should there be a dire need for additional attorneys in certain categories.

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