



NACDL®-CARDZO LAW NATIONAL FORENSIC COLLEGE 2020 NFC Private Attorney Application

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Program Details

The NACDL/Cardozo Law National Forensic College is presented in collaboration with the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts, Defender Services Office Training Division. The purpose of this college is to instruct supervisors, trainers, and experienced litigators who are or will be the forensic science experts or point people in their jurisdictions. Both trial and post-conviction litigators are welcome. The college will prepare attorneys to litigate complex forensic science issues strategically and with the support of the nation's leading law firms and experts.

There is limited availability for private practitioners to attend the college at a cost of \$1,099 for the week, plus the cost of housing. Private attorneys must apply and be accepted in order to attend.

Evaluation of Applications

Each application is evaluated individually based on the answers provided to the questions in the application. Multiple applications from one office should be completed and submitted by each attorney individually, providing personal responses to each of the questions asked.

Submission of Applications

Completed program applications should be submitted via email to VAntoun@nacdl.org with "NFC Application" in the subject line.

2020 NACDL/Cardozo Law National Forensic College Application

Name: _____

Organization/Office: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Email: _____ **Phone:** _____

Have you previously attended the National Forensic College? Yes No

If so, in what year? _____

Which of the following options best describes you?

State/County PD

Non-profit lawyer

CJA Panel Attorney

Court Appointed Attorney

Attorney in private practice

If you are not a full-time public defender, approximately what percentage of your practice is appointed indigent criminal defense?

Less than half

50 to 75%

☒ More than 75%

Please list all states in which you are currently or have been a member of the Bar:

State: _____ **Year admitted:** _____ **Current member?** Yes No

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In which of the following areas of criminal law do you practice? (Check all that apply)

☐ Misdemeanors

☐ Felonies

☐ Juvenile

☐ DWI/DUI

☐ Capital

☐ White collar/fraud

☐ Traffic

Are you the designated forensic expert in your jurisdiction? Yes No

If not, who is? (If there is no designated expert, enter N/A) _____

Is there a forensic expert in your jurisdiction with whom you regularly consult? Yes No

If yes, please list the individuals with whom you consult and in what areas of forensic science

Which of the following areas of forensic sciences have you challenged in your practice? (Check all that apply; describe your experience in the text box below)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> DNA | <input type="checkbox"/> Ballistics | <input type="checkbox"/> Abusive Head Trauma/Shaken baby |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fingerprints | <input type="checkbox"/> Bite marks | <input type="checkbox"/> Forensic pathology |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GPS/cell phone | <input type="checkbox"/> Stingray | <input type="checkbox"/> Forensic accounting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eyewitness ID | <input type="checkbox"/> False confession | <input type="checkbox"/> Drug analysis |

How many DNA cases have you handled? _____

In how many of those cases have you litigated admissibility? _____

In how many have you cross-examined an expert? _____

How frequently have you engaged defense experts in cases involving forensic issues?

Never

Rarely

Frequently

Almost always

For which of the following purposes have you engaged defense experts? (check all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Consulting | <input type="checkbox"/> Testifying | <input type="checkbox"/> Motions | <input type="checkbox"/> Trials |
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Have you litigated any motions involving forensic evidence? If so, please describe.

Do you have an academic or career background in scientific and/or forensic issues? If so, please describe.

What previous training, if any, have you had on the topics covered in this program? Please include sponsoring entity and approximate date of training.

Have you engaged in training of others regarding any forensic disciplines? If so, please describe topics, dates, and audiences of training.

Do you or your office coordinate with public defense organizations who are handling complex cases involving sophisticated forensic issues? If so, describe.

Do you or your organization maintain a database / collect data on police or prosecutorial misconduct? On the testimony of forensic experts? If so, please describe each.

Briefly describe your reasons for wanting to attend the National Forensic College.

Are you interested in taking advantage of housing options at the College?

Housing is available in dormitories or in a hotel block. Please check the box(es) below to receive further information about these options, or if you are not in need of housing.

Yes, if I am accepted, please send me information about dormitory accommodations

Yes, if accepted, please send me information about the hotel block

No, I am local to New York City or will make my own arrangements if accepted

Are you willing and able to pass on the knowledge that you gain to other defense providers in your community? If so, please briefly describe your plans to do so.

☐ I certify that I am an active member in good standing of the Bar of _____.
My Bar Number is _____.