

CAC Point Scoring System and Category Requirements

Activity	Points
Category 1 Jury Trial (lead counsel)	15 (max 75)
Category 1 Jury Trial (second chair)	7 (max 21)
Category 2 Jury Trial (lead counsel)	10 (max 70)
Category 2 Jury Trial (second chair)	5 (max 15)
Category 3 or 4 Jury Trial (lead counsel)	5 (max 30)
Category 3 or 4 Jury Trial (second chair)	3 (max 12)
Felony Bench Trial (any level, lead counsel)	3 (max 9)
Misdemeanor Jury Trial (lead counsel)	3 (max 9)
Misdemeanor Bench Trial (lead counsel)	2 (max 6)
Two or more evidentiary hearings conducted on motions to suppress evidence or statements	5 (max 5)
Five or more civil jury trials as lead counsel	5 (max 5)
Five or more preliminary examinations conducted OR Ten or more preliminary examinations conducted	5 (max 5) OR 7 (max 7)
Dispositive motion granted resulting in dismissal of entire case or most serious charge	2 (max 6)
One year or more as a judicial clerk	2 (max 2)
Speaker at criminal law training/workshop within the last two years	2 (max 6)
Published article within the last two years on a criminal law topic	2 (max 6)
Attendance at an intensive criminal law workshop within the last two years (examples are a CDAM two-day conference or a NACDL multi-day conference)	2 (max 6)

Category 1 – Capital Offenses – Maximum Sentence of Life

- 75 points; and
- Have practiced criminal law (prosecution and/or defense) for at least five full years; and
- Have conducted at least three category 1 or 2 jury trials as the lead trial attorney, OR
- Have conducted at least four felony jury trials of any category as the lead trial attorney and have conducted at least one category 1 or 2 jury trial as the second chair attorney.

Category 2 – Major Felonies – Maximum Sentence of more than 5 years but less than Life

- 25 points; and
- Have practiced criminal law (prosecution and/or defense) for at least two full years; and
- Have conducted at least two felony jury trials of any category as the lead trial attorney, OR
- Have conducted one felony jury trial of any category as the lead trial attorney and have conducted at least two other felony cases as the second chair attorney, OR
- Have conducted one felony jury trial of any category as the lead trial attorney and have conducted at least three misdemeanor jury trials as the lead trial attorney.

Category 3 – Felony – Maximum sentence of more than 2 years, up to and including 5 years

- 10 points; and
- Have practiced criminal law (prosecution and/or defense) for at least one full year.

Category 4 – Felony/High Misdemeanor – Maximum sentence up to and including 2 years

- Less than 10 points; and
- Participate in the mentorship program with an experienced roster attorney.

Roster attorneys of any category must comply with the minimum requirements for practicing law in Michigan as determined by the Michigan Supreme Court and the State Bar of Michigan and comply with the requirements of MIDC Standard 1 regarding the education and training of defense counsel.

Attorneys who do not meet the points requirements for categories 1 or 2 may be considered for placement in those categories if the CAC determines that the attorney has a significant record of consistently high quality criminal trial court representation and the ability to handle cases in the applicable category.