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MACOMB COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT

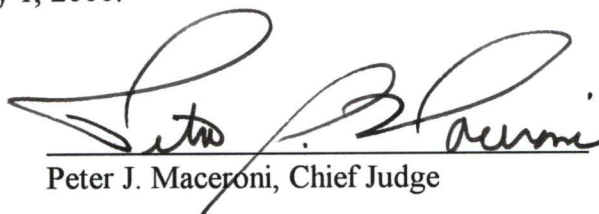
In re Court Appointed Attorneys for Juvenile Matters

Administrative Order 1999-4

The following policy is adopted by the 16th Judicial Circuit Family Division for court appointed attorneys in juvenile matters:

1. The Family Division of the Macomb County Circuit Court shall maintain a roster of attorneys who are eligible for appointment to represent individuals in juvenile matters. Whenever practical, attorneys will be appointed on a rotating basis.
2. A person seeking appointment shall apply by filing an application available from the Juvenile Division Administrator.
3. The Chief Judge shall appoint a person or committee to review, approve or disapprove applications to be added to the roster.
4. All attorneys seeking appointments for juvenile matters in the Macomb County Circuit Court Family Division must be members in good standing of the State Bar of Michigan and the Macomb County Bar Association.
5. In order to be placed on the appointment roster, attorneys must have attended a basic skills seminar on practicing juvenile law in Macomb County.
6. In order to remain on the appointment roster, attorneys must attend at least one seminar or three mini-seminars per year relating to juvenile law.
 - a. Continuing education may be satisfied by documentation of attendance at relevant seminars through the Macomb County Bar Association, Institute for Continuing Legal Education, Oakland County Bar Association or other organization offering continuing legal education.
7. Appointments to cases are to the individual appointed; not to a firm, partnership or association of attorneys.
8. Substitutions between attorneys are not permitted unless in emergency situations. The consent of the judge assigned to the case and the client are required. If a substitution is approved, the substituting attorney must be briefed on the case. Failure to comply may result in the removal of the attorney and the appointment of replacement counsel. Any substitute must be an attorney on the approved roster.

9. Attorneys shall appear on time for all hearings and trials. If an attorney is delayed by an emergency, the assigned judge's office must be notified. Failure to appear on time may result in sanctions or discipline including removal from the case, appointment of substitute counsel and/or removal from the roster.
10. Attorneys are expected to contact their clients prior to all hearings.
11. Consultation with probation officers, case workers, prosecutors and police officers is to occur prior to all hearings.
12. Attorneys appointed to represent children in protective proceedings must interview children, consult with case workers and foster parents, and comply with all provisions of MCL 712A.17(c)(7); MCL 712A.17(d) and MCR 5.915(B)(2).
13. Attorneys shall advise their clients to dress appropriately for all court hearings.
14. An attorney may be sanctioned or removed from the roster for violation of the terms of this order, incompetency, consistent unavailability to serve, violation of court policies or other just cause.
15. An attorney whose application is denied or who is sanctioned or removed from the roster may seek review of the decision by the Chief Judge in writing within 30 days. There will be no hearing allowed. The Chief Judge shall make a decision in writing.
16. This order shall take effect January 1, 2000.



Peter J. Maceroni, Chief Judge

Dated: Nov. 2, 1999