

IN THE FAMILY COURT OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY
STATE OF MISSOURI

FAMILY COURT ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE ORDER NO. 156

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER TO ADDRESS APPOINTMENT AND TRAINING OF
JUVENILE DEFENSE COUNSEL

WHEREAS, the Family Court of St. Louis County was created by Sections 487.010 through 487.190 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri;

WHEREAS, the Honorable Thea A. Sherry has been appointed Administrative Judge of the Family Court of St. Louis County pursuant to Section 487.010.3 R.S.Mo.;

WHEREAS, the Family Court entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Department of Justice on December 14, 2016 which required the Court to formalize, create and/or modify procedures regarding the appointment and training of juvenile defense counsel.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS ORDERED that all appointed juvenile delinquency defense counsel will notify a juvenile of his or her appointment and provide the juvenile with contact information within 24 hours of receipt of their notice of appointment.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all appointed juvenile delinquency defense counsel include public defenders and certified counsel be members in good standing of the Missouri Bar.

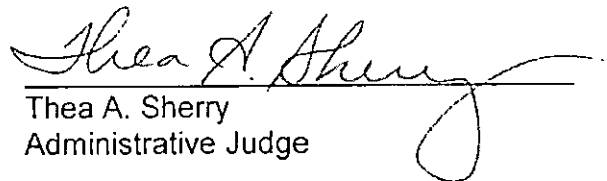
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all appointed juvenile delinquency defense counsel shall undergo juvenile delinquency defense training addressing matter of best practices and procedures for delinquency defense include but not limited to juvenile trial and appellate practice and procedure and adolescent development. Training shall be completed no later than six months after their first appointment. In addition to this training, all appointed juvenile delinquency defense counsel shall complete three hours of continuing legal education addressing juvenile law annually thereafter.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Court and staff shall continue to provide as much notice and opportunity for attorney/client meetings prior to detention hearings as practicable.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Court shall implement the attached uniform policy for the appointment of counsel from the pool of certified counsel where the juvenile has claimed indigency and the Missouri State Public Defender has made a determination of financial ineligibility and declines to represent the juvenile. The policy is attached and labeled Exhibit A.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Circuit Clerk provide notice of this assignment by causing this order to be published as soon as practicable in *The St. Louis Countian*, by posting a copy of this order in a conspicuous place in the Office of the Circuit Clerk, and by making copies of this order available for distribution from the Office of the Circuit Clerk.

SO ORDERED:


Thea A. Sherry
Administrative Judge

Entered this 10th day of April 2017.

GUIDELINES AND UNIFORM FEE SCHEDULE FOR
THE APPOINTMENT OF PRIVATE CERTIFIED COUNSEL

When a juvenile has claimed indigency, requests counsel be appointed to represent him or her and the Missouri State Public Defender has made a determination of financial ineligibility and declines to represent the juvenile, the Court shall appoint an attorney from the pool of certified counsel according to the following fee schedule and guidelines:

In all misdemeanor cases, counsel may charge a flat fee up to \$250.00 in the event of a plea to or dismissal of the charge.

In all felony and certification cases, counsel may charge a flat fee up to \$500.00 in the event of a plea to or dismissal of the charge.

In informal adjustment cases, counsel may charge up to \$250.00 for representation.

Legal counsel shall not require the deposit or payment of a fee before the commencement of representation. If a juvenile is charged with multiple crimes, legal counsel shall charge the rate of the highest offense as set forth above. (For example, if the juvenile is charged with a misdemeanor and a felony, counsel may charge up to \$500.00 to represent the juvenile). In the event of a contested hearing, legal counsel may additionally charge up to \$100.00 per hour for the preparation of and representation at the hearing. Representation of the juvenile shall not include the handling of an appeal unless legal counsel and client consent. Appellate representation may not exceed the \$100.00 hourly rate and is in addition to the other legal services set forth above.

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