

STATE OF MICHIGAN
54TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT AND FAMILY COURT
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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

RE: THE FAMILY DIVISION OF 54TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2013 REQUESTS PROPOSALS FOR A CONTRACT TO PROVIDE COURT APPOINTED ATTORNEY REPRESENTATION FOR INDIGENT JUVENILE RESPONDENTS; AND, COURT APPOINTED ATTORNEY REPRESENTATION FOR PARENT(S)/ CUSTODIANS AND GUARDIAN AD LITEM(GAL) REPRESENTATION FOR JUVENILES IN NEGLECT AND ABUSE PROCEEDINGS.

ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS: Any member in good standing of the State of Michigan Bar Association. All bids shall be on behalf of an attorney, licensed to practice law in the state of Michigan.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS: All proposals must be submitted in writing to the Court Administrator, no later than 4:30 p.m. on October 15, 2012.

CONTRACT PERIOD: Calendar year 2013, beginning upon entry of contract agreement 2013 and terminating on December 31, 2013.

DESCRIPTION OF INTENDED SERVICES: The Court seeks a consortium of attorneys to represent indigent respondents and or parents in delinquency and neglect proceedings. The attorneys will provide legal representation in all newly commenced proceedings in the following areas under jurisdiction of the Court: Protective Proceedings, Child Neglect, and Juvenile Delinquency. Attorney services will include, representation for all hearings and trials for which legal counsel have, as a matter of practice, been appointed in the past. Service will also include appeal by right either to the Court of Appeals, or the Supreme Court, and shall be limited to one appeal by right where such an appeal is represented by the client.

Attorneys shall represent mother, father, putative father, children, and, as the Court finds it necessary, other persons who fall under the definition of "custodian" pursuant to the juvenile code.

Legal services include, but are not limited to, the following appearances and out of court preparation:

1. Preliminary hearings, adjourned preliminary hearings, and waiver hearings;
2. Pretrial conferences;
3. Trials and pretrial motions;

4. Review hearings scheduled during the term of this contract;
5. Re-hearings;
6. Dispositional hearings, including termination;
7. Probation violation hearings; and
8. Other hearings – such as visitation, placement and removal, support/reimbursement, bond/detention.

Counsel may be required to appear within sixty (60) minutes notice on Saturdays, Sundays, and during the normal work week.

Proposals should include an annual contract amount and the terms of payment to be negotiated upon award of the contract.

The 54th Circuit Court reserves the right to reject any and all bid proposals.

Total new case filings in delinquency matters are as follows:

<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u> (as of 9-19-12)
190	159	176	195	131

Total beginning pending delinquency cases from previous year:

<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>
24	41	26	35	15

Reopened delinquency cases:

<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>
0	2	2	8	12

Total new case filings in child protective matters are as follows:

<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u> (as of 9-19-12)
32	23	36	42	28

Total beginning pending child protective cases from previous year.

<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>
3	7	8	6	5

Reopened child protective cases:

<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>
0	0	1	0	1