STATE OF MICHIGAN



54TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT

HON. AMY GRACE GIERHART CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE

440 NORTH STATE STREET CARO, MICHIGAN 48723

(989) 672-3720

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

RE: CONTRACT TO PROVIDE REPRESENTATION FOR ALLEGED DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED INDIVIDUALS IN THE TUSCOLA COUNTY PROBATE COURT FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2026

ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS: Individuals licensed to practice law in Michigan, in good standing with the State of Michigan Bar Association, and capable of performing legal services pursuant to the services listed below.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS: All proposals must be submitted in writing to the Court Administrator, Sheila Long, 440 N. State Street, Caro, Michigan 48723, <u>no later than 1:00 p.m. on October 29, 2025.</u>

CONTRACT PERIOD: Calendar year 2026, beginning January 1, 2026 and terminating on December 31, 2026. Representation shall be for all pending cases as of January 1, 2026 and all newly commenced proceedings in 2026. The representation shall include appeals.

DESCRIPTION OF INTENDED SERVICES: Legal representation for individuals and respondents in developmentally disabled actions, including appeals. Counsel shall represent solely and exclusively the interest of the individual or respondent throughout all court proceedings until their conclusion in the Court or until otherwise relieved of said responsibility. Counsel shall be responsible for drafting, service and filing of petitions, orders, subpoenas, etc.

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

The Tuscola County Courts reserves the right to reject any and all bid proposals.