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This document explains the process for appointing counsel to provide representation to a parent in a case initiated by a private party seeking a termination of parental rights

IDC Attorney Roster

- The IDC approved roster identifies attorneys qualified for appointment to represent indigent parents in privately-initiated termination of parental rights/adoption cases in both district and juvenile courts

Appointment by the Court:

- The judicial assistant for the judge making an appointment should contact the rostered attorneys to identify one who is available to accept the appointment and then notify the judge
- If the court is unable to locate an attorney willing to accept the appointment, the judicial assistant may contact Adam Trupp at the IDC to request help locating an available attorney

Attorney Accepting Appointment:

- Immediately after accepting the appointment, the attorney must:
- Notify the Managing Public Defender (MPD) in the county where the case will be handled
- Notify the county directly if there is no MPD in the county
- Ensure they have contracted with the county for this representation work (IDC website)
- Provide the court's notice of appointment to the MPD or the county

Declining an Appointment:

- If an attorney needs to decline an appointment, they must:
- Contact the court to provide notice that they are declining the appointment
- Inform the Managing Public Defender in the county where the case is being handled
- File a notice of declination or withdrawal if required by the court

Appeals:

This process does not apply to appointment of appellate counsel for cases from either district or juvenile court. An attorney appointed to handle a privately initiated termination of parental rights case must contact the MPD in the county where the case is being handled, or contact Adam Trupp at the IDC when the client requests an appeal.

Reimbursement Rates:

- Attorney Fees - \$75/h
- Paralegal Services - \$40/h
- Defense Resources - \$500 (per transaction, not per case)
 - Defense Resources include investigators, experts, evaluations, subpoenas, transcripts, record requests, forensic tests, and witness fees
 - Costs anticipated to exceed \$500 require pre-authorization from the IDC and County
- Travel Expenses **(Only applies if travel distance is 20 miles or more to/from Court)**
 - \$75/h attorney travel time
 - State mileage reimbursement rate, currently \$0.62 per mile.
 - Hotel fees at the State rate for trials only
 - \$500.00 cap per case (overages require pre-authorization from the IDC and County)

Payment / Invoicing: Attorneys must submit the following documentation to the County within 15 days following the end of each month:

- Monthly invoices, using the Attorney Invoice Form
- Orders of appointment or Substitution of Counsel
- If applicable: Invoice and Receipts from Defense Resource Vendor(s), Defense Resource Overage Pre-Authorization Form, or Travel Expense Overage Pre-Authorization Form

Forms: Available on the [IDC website](#)

- Attorney Invoice Form
- Attorney Contract
- Defense Resource Overage Pre-Authorization Form
- Travel Expense Overage Pre-Authorization Form

Malpractice Insurance:

- Malpractice Insurance is required as stated in Section 2.5 of the Attorney Contract
- Each County may determine their respective coverage limits requirements
- The Utah State Bar has endorsed the malpractice insurance provider, ALPS
- We suggest contacting them, or another provider, to assist in determining appropriate coverage limits

Appeals: This roster does not apply to cases on appeal. Appointed counsel must comply with the requirements of Utah Rule of Appellate Procedure 38B before being appointed as counsel on appeal.

If you have any questions, suggestions for improvements to the program, or if you would like to change any of your personal information listed on the roster, contact Adam Trupp.

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