

**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 03-11**

(FAMILY COURT ATTORNEY PANELS)

WHEREAS, The Criminal Justice Act, D.C. Code Ann. §§ 11-2601 to 2609 (2001) provides that counsel appointed to represent juveniles who are alleged to be delinquent or in need of supervision and who are financially unable to obtain adequate representation, "shall in every case be selected from panels of attorneys designated and approved by the courts." D.C. Code Ann. §11-2602 (2001);

WHEREAS, the Joint Explanatory Statement of the Committee of the Conference, in a recent Appropriations Act for the District of Columbia, stated:

The conferees strongly urge the D.C. Superior Court to evaluate the quality of the legal services rendered by lawyers appointed under the Criminal Justice Act to handle juvenile delinquency cases. The Court is urged to take immediate, affirmative steps to ensure that lawyers who lack the requisite training, experience and skill are not appointed to delinquency cases;

WHEREAS, the selection of attorneys from a panel to represent juveniles will assist the Court in complying with the request of the Congressional conferees, with the Court's statutory obligation, and with its constitutional obligation to provide effective assistance of counsel to indigents in juvenile cases;

WHEREAS, D.C. Code Ann. §§ 16-2304(b)(1), (b)(4)(B), and (b)(5) (2001) provide that in every neglect and termination of parental rights proceeding the Court shall appoint a guardian *ad litem* ("GAL") representing the best interest of the child, and appoint counsel for parents, guardians, custodians, and, in some circumstances, caretakers who are financially unable to obtain adequate representation;

WHEREAS, to promote the best interests of children in neglect proceedings, the Court sometimes must appoint a special education advocate ("SEA");

WHEREAS, Administrative Order No. 02-15 issued April 26, 2002 created an *ad hoc* Committee designated the "Family Court Panels Committee" ("the Committee") for the purpose of creating panels of attorneys for representation of indigents in certain Family Court proceedings;

WHEREAS, the Committee, in consultation with the Presiding and Deputy Presiding Judges of the Family Court, was charged with recommending to the Chief Judge of the Superior Court four panels for appointment of attorneys in juvenile proceedings ("Juvenile Panel"), as guardians *ad litem* ("GAL Panel"), as special education advocates ("SEA Panel"), and as counsel to parties in neglect and termination of parental rights proceedings ("CCAN Panel");

WHEREAS, designation and approval of panels of attorneys in the Family Court will assist the Court in acting in the best interests of children, providing effective assistance of counsel, performing its oversight responsibility to promote the appointment of attorneys with a high level of advocacy skills, and improving the administration of justice;

WHEREAS, pursuant to its charge, the Committee has presented to the Chief Judge of the Superior Court a report setting forth the sources of information and procedures used to reach its recommendations;

WHEREAS, the Chief Judge is satisfied that the recommendations of the Committee with respect to the attorneys to be placed on the Juvenile Panel, GAL Panel, SEA Panel and CCAN Panel have been made after careful consideration of the qualifications of each attorney who applied to be considered for those panels and should be accepted in their entirety without change;

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY;

ORDERED, that the Juvenile Panel shall consist of the attorneys as recommended by the Committee and listed in Appendix 1 attached hereto, and it is further

ORDERED, that the GAL Panel shall consist of the attorneys as recommended by the Committee and listed in Appendix 2 attached hereto, and it is further

ORDERED, that the CCAN Panel shall consist of the attorneys as recommended by the Committee and listed in Appendix 3 attached hereto, and it is further

ORDERED, that the SEA Panel shall consist of the attorneys as recommended by the Committee and listed in Appendix 4 attached hereto, and it is further

ORDERED, that effective this date, judicial officers of the Superior Court, when appointing counsel in juvenile cases and in all neglect and termination of parental rights proceedings, shall appoint only attorneys listed on the appropriate Family Court Panel if counsel is seeking compensation under the Criminal Justice Act or compensation under the Child Abuse and Neglect Act, except as provided below; and it is further

ORDERED, that nothing herein shall affect the authority of a judicial officer to appoint a CCAN Panel attorney as a GAL when necessary to meet the needs of the Family Court; and it is further

ORDERED, that nothing herein shall affect the authority of a judicial officer to appoint a non-Panel attorney in exceptional circumstances when the judicial officer determines that no Panel attorney is available; in this context an attorney is “not available” only when (1) an attorney from the applicable Panel cannot be readily located to accept the appointment or to stand in on an interim basis until an attorney from the applicable Panel can be appointed and (2) there is an urgent need to appoint counsel at that time; and it is further

ORDERED, that in all instances when a non-Panel attorney is appointed, the judicial officer making the appointment shall do so by a written Order issued at the time of appointment setting forth in detail the particular exceptional circumstances requiring appointment of a non-Panel attorney in the case; and, further, that without such an Order detailing the particular circumstances requiring appointment of a non-Panel attorney in the case, a voucher shall not be issued and payment shall not be made for work on the case, but rather the attorney shall be deemed to have done the work *pro bono publico*; and it is further

ORDERED, that attorneys in neglect and termination of parental rights cases shall complete preservice CCAN training prior to appointment; and it is further

ORDERED, that it is hereby established as a goal that as soon as practicable, but in any event no later than six (6) months from the date of this order, judicial officers presiding over neglect and termination of parental rights cases in which the GAL's are compensated from CCAN funds, but are not on the GAL Panel, shall replace the GAL with a GAL Panel attorney, or a CCAN Panel attorney if necessary to meet the needs of the Family Court, unless to do so is not in the best interest of the child; and it is further

ORDERED, that it is hereby established as a goal that within six (6) months from the date of this order, judicial officers presiding over neglect and termination of parental rights cases in which attorneys represent interested parties and are compensated from CCAN funds, but are not on either the GAL or CCAN Panel, shall replace counsel with an appropriate Panel attorney, unless to do so is not in the best interest of the child; and it is further

ORDERED, that judicial officers presiding over juvenile cases in which counsel are compensated from CJA funds, but are not on the Juvenile Panel, shall exercise their discretion to determine whether a replacement of a non-Panel attorney with a Panel attorney is in the interests of justice.

SO ORDERED.

BY THE COURT

March 26, 2003

/s/
Rufus G. King, III, Chief Judge

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APPENDIX 1 - JUVENILE PANEL

Ago	Arthur
Ali	Khadijah
Arthur	Errol
Benowitz	David
Bingham	Jennifer J.
Blackwood	Larry
Bratter	Diane
Brenner	R. Lynne
Brown	Bryan
Brown	Rhonda
Buschner	Traci
Cambridge	Robert
Carr	David
Chopra	Anil
Connelly	John
Cumberbatch	David
Curtis	Joel
Davidson	Joel
Davis-Smith	Yvonne
Devlin	Thomas
Dietrich	Virginia
Driscoll	William
Fitzgerald	Lorenzo
Freeman-Watkins	Cherlyn
Goldwater	Harry
Goode	Jesse
Haile	Hagos
Hapworth	Peter
Harris	Geoffrey
Harthoorn	Ruth
Henning	Kristin
Hoffman	Leora
Hollander	Robert
Ikram	Shirin
Jacobs	Gary
Jacques	Tammy
Jose	Joseph
Kambui	Ayanna
Kassees	Kevin
Killingham	Martin
Kirby	John
Kratchman	Paul
LaBelle	Robert
Lacey	Francis
Landis	Richard
Lavine	Robert
Lewis	Stacey
Lydon	Thomas
Marblestein-Deare	Adriane
McNair	Lloyd
Mirvahabi	Farin

APPENDIX 1 - JUVENILE PANEL

APPENDIX 2 - GAL PANEL

Barnett	Iris
Basu	Ranu
Baurley	Marion
Bergeron	Pierre
Boote	Richard
Burns	Steven
Burton	Debra
Cason Daniel	Deborah
Chappell	Danielle
Chassy	Reina
Clark	Margaret
Cohen	Brett
Connelly	John
Cotter	Gregory
Cumberbatch	David
Curtis	Joel
Daniels	Carolyn
Davis-Smith	Yvonne
Dayson	Danya
Dietrich	Virginia
Donohoe	Teresa
Epstein	Jenny
Evans	Rachel
Fraidin	Matthew
Gladden	Jerelyn
Goldwater	Harry
Gonzalez	Alfonso (Al)
Goode	Jesse
Gould	Nancy Katherine Deshler (Kate)
Harthoorn	Ruth
Henry	Michelle
Hoffman	Leora
Huebner	Lawrence
Ikram	Shirin
Jarratt	Kirra
Johnson	Rosalind W.
Jose	Joseph
Kassees	Kevin
Katz	Judith
Kennell	L. Elaine
Khan	M. Azhar
King	James
Kratchman	Paul
LaBelle	Robert

APPENDIX 2 - GAL PANEL

Landis	Richard
Lewandowski	Anne
Magyar	Keely
Marblestein-Dean	Adriane
Marsh	Terri
May	Christopher
McKinney	Margaret
McManus	Laurie
Meltz	Thalia
Mitchell	Karen
Myles	Monica
O'Keefe	Michael
Osakwe	Lucy
Pahlavi	Yasmine
Rappaport	Carla
Rees	Andrea
Rode	Amrutha
Roth	Pamela
Sankaran	Vivek
Schamest	Joanne
Schneiders	Anne
Singh	Sharon
Sinowitz	Betty
Spillan	Lawrence
Stith	Virginia
Susskind	Leslie
Taylor	Lashanda
Taylor-Smith	Sharon
Tilton	George
Tolmach	Madeleine
Waddell	Milton
Watsky	Stephen
Weinroth	Diane

APPENDIX 3 - CCAN PANEL

Acebal	Maria
Albright	Sheila
Angelo	Glenn
Arendal	Rita
Arthur	Errol
Ashman	Janis
Barry	T. Michael
Barsoumian	Alicia
Basu	Ranu
Batra	Ashok
Baurley	Marion
Bergeron	Pierre
Bianco	Richard
Blackwood	Larry
Boote	Richard
Brady	Melanie
Braxton	Cathy
Brenner	R. Lynne
Brown	Rhonda
Burns	Steven
Burton	Debra
Burton	Josh
Cabezas	Marco
Caldwell	Van
Cambridge	Robert
Cason Daniel	Deborah
Chassy	Reina
Clark	Margaret
Clarke	Wesley
Cohen	Brett
Cohen	David
Collins	Phillip
Colombo	Bart
Connelly	John
Cotter	Gregory
Cotton	Mark
Cumberbatch	David
Curtis	Joel
Daniels	Carolyn
Daughtery	Tonya
Davis	Ardelia
Davis-Smith	Yvonne
Dayson	Danya
Devlin	Thomas
Dickey	Martha
Dickinson	Ralph

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Dietrich	Virginia
Dobbins	Victoria
Donohoe	Teresa
Driscoll	William
Dupree	David
Epstein	Jenny
Espovich	Richard
Evans	Rachel
Exner	Donald
Fahey	A. Kevin
Feezor	Charles
Feuer	Semi
Fisher	Gary
Fraidin	Matthew
Franke	Lewis
Glasgow	William
Goldwater	Harry
Gonzalez	Alfonso (Al)
Goode	Jesse
Gould	Nancy Katherine Deshler (Kate)
Haile	Hagos
Hancock	Jennifer
Hapworth	Peter
Hargrove	Barbara
Harthoorn	Ruth
Hayes	David
Henry	Michelle
Henry	Murphy
Hoffman	Leora
Hollander	Robert
Ikram	Shirin
Jacobs	Gary
Jareaux	Kelli
Jarratt	Kirra
Jimoh	Bashiru
Johnson	Rosalind W.
Jose	Joseph
Kahn	Lauren
Karkowsky	Nancy
Kassees	Kevin
Katz	Judith
Kelly	Leonard
Kennell	L. Elaine
Khan	M. Azhar
Kindsvatter	Jack
King	James

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King	John
Knight	Patrick
Knights Taylor	Desiree
Kramer	Jeffrey
Kratchman	Paul
LaBelle	Robert
Lacey	Francis
Landis	Richard
Larry	Andrea
Lavine	Robert
Leeper Waddell	Jeri
Lewandowski	Anne
Lewis	Albert
Lisansky	David
Lydon	Thomas
Marblestein-Deare	Adriane
Marsh	Terri
McKinney	Margaret
McManus	Laurie
Meltz	Thalia
Mirvahabi	Farin
Mitchell	Karen
Moore	Janice
Morgan	William
Myles	Monica
Nair	Madhavan
Ng	Kathy
Nordone	Cynthia
Nussbaum	Howard
O'Keefe	Michael
O'Toole	Thomas
Ollivierre	Ethel
Osakwe	Lucy
Oshinsky	Carol
Oshtry	Daniel
Pahlavi	Yasmine
Palatianos	Russell
Pascale	Jon
Rappaport	Carla
Reader	Marc
Reed	Kimberly
Rees	Andrea
Renton	Jennifer
Resnick	Marc
Rinaldi	Laura
Robinson	Norman
Rode	Amrutha
Rogers	Kenneth
Rosendorf	Donald
Roth	Pamela
Sales	Gwenette
Sankaran	Vivek
Schamest	Joanne

APPENDIX 3 - CCAN PANEL

Schiff	Steven
Schrager	Seth
Seelman	Frederick G. Jr.
Shafiqhi Stein	David
Shah	Asif
Singh	Sharon
Sinowitz	Betty
Sitomer	David
Small	Gurney
Solomon	Alan
Spillan	Lawrence
Stevens-Kittner	Gerald
Stith	Virginia
Strauss	Paul
Stringer	David
Suh	Ann
Susskind	Ethan
Susskind	Leslie
Taylor	Lashanda
Taylor-Smith	Sharon
Terry-Blume	Carol
Thomas	Ronald
Thomas	Holly
Tieger	Laura
Tilton	George
Tolmach	Madeleine
Umana	Idotenyin
Vilches	Maria
Vorv	Dominic
Wade	Lydia
Walker	Beth Ann
Washington	Russell
Watsky	Stephen
Weinroth	Diane
Whitsett	Louis
Wordsworth	William

APPENDIX 4 - SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVOCATE PANEL

Alford	Alisha
Anderson	Donovan
Asherman	Jeanne
Barnett	Iris
Barrie	Fatmata
Baurley	Marion
Bergeron	Pierre
Bingham	Jennifer J.
Boretos	Steven
Braxton	Cathy
Cason Daniel	Deborah
Connelly	John
Cotter	Gregory
Dariani	Fatema
Davis-Smith	Yvonne
Goldwater	Harry
Goode	Jesse
Harthoorn	Ruth
Henry	Michelle
Jarratt	Kirra
Jester	Elizabeth
Jones-Moon	Bonita
Jose	Joseph
Kratchman	Paul
Lewandowski	Anne
McManus	Laurie
Osakwe	Lucy
Rinaldi	Laura
Roth	Pamela
Taylor	Lashanda
Taylor-Smith	Sharon
Thomas	Ronald
Watsky	Stephen
Wulkan	Donna