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REQUEST FOR THE PROVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE REPRESENTATION OF INDIGENT RESPONDENTS IN MENTAL HEALTH CASES

March 8, 2021

(FLAT RATE compensation)

The 18th Judicial District/Court, Colorado Judicial Department, is seeking qualified attorneys to provide legal representation for respondents in mental health cases pursuant to Title 25, Article 10 and Title 27, Articles 10.5, 65, 81 and 82, C.R.S., as amended, and Chief Justice Directive 04-05, as amended. Services provided will be under the terms of contractual agreements between the Judicial Branch and attorneys for appointments during the period of July 01, 2021 through June 30, 2024. The Department will pay a contract fee of $291.00* per initial appointment to represent a client, and for each subsequent appointment to represent a client under the terms of the contract the fee is $198.00*. Attorneys selected will have an independent contractor relationship with the Department and may maintain a private practice. A contract relationship with the Department is required to receive routine mental health counsel appointments for respondents in mental health cases in this District/Court. **You are required to request your contract payments for court appointments on-line.**

* Rate is subject to change pursuant to Chief Justice Directives and funding from the General Assembly.

Qualifications

- Applicants must have maintained their license to practice law in Colorado for at least 5 years. Significant experience in mental health cases is highly desirable. A description of further Court requirements is included with the application materials.
- Applicants must maintain a policy of professional liability insurance.
- Applicants must have available sufficient staff and other resources to support the adequate representation of any/all clients assigned under the terms of the contract.

Application Procedure

- Attorneys may apply in more than one district for contract appointments but must submit an application in each district or court. Applications for the 18th District/Court are available at https://www.courts.state.co.us/Courts/District/Index.cfm?District_ID=18.
- The deadline for submitting applications to the 18th Judicial District is April 9th, 2021.
  Please submit applications to jenni.turnidge@judicial.state.co.us.

Selection

Contractor selection is determined by the Chief or Presiding Judge or his/her designee and is subject to approval by the State Court Administrator. The Department reserves the right to reject any or all applications. Selections are based on qualifications and will be made in the best interests of the Department. All selection decisions will be final.

*** Guardian ad Litem contracts for representation of minors are the responsibility of the Office of the Child's Representative. ***