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**REQUEST FOR THE PROVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES TO
REPRESENT INDIGENT PARTIES IN
CHILD SUPPORT CONTEMPT PROBLEM SOLVING COURT
(RESPONSIBLE PARENT PROGRAM)**

(STATE-FUNDED COUNSEL (Chief Justice Directive 04-04))

October 3, 2012

The Fourth Judicial District, Colorado Judicial Department (the "Department"), is seeking qualified attorneys to provide legal representation for indigent parties in the Child Support Problem Solving Court (Responsible Parent Program) in Division N/CS pursuant to section 14-14-110, C.R.S. and C.R.C.P 107. The goal of the Responsible Parent Program is to assist a child support obligor in overcoming any barriers to paying a child support order and to enter into a payment plan that will make an obligor compliant with the current child support order and pay off an obligor's child support arrears balance. The Responsible Parent Program is a phased intervention program. It is a collaborative effort with the Division N/CS Magistrate and professionals in the Child Support Office and Community Treatment Providers to support and help an obligor remove barriers for successful compliance with a child support order.

Services provided will be governed by contractual agreements between the Judicial Branch and attorneys. This contract will include only services for court appointments made during the period of July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013. Attorneys selected shall be paid by the Judicial Department pursuant to Chief Justice Directive 04-04. Pursuant to Chief Justice Directive 04-04, the maximum total fee per appointment is \$1,450.00. 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 appointments for indigent parties in the Child Support Problem Solving Court (Responsible Parent Program) in this District. **Best practices for problem solving courts requires that there be consistency for the client, and also for the team process. Therefore, two attorneys will be selected for this process.**

** Fees are 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 domestic law is highly desirable.
- 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.
- Applicants must agree to on-going representation until the contempt that is the subject of the problem solving court is resolved. This may require weekly court appearances and review status hearings and may last up to 24 months.
- Applicants must be available for court and staffings on a weekly basis.
- Applicants must be willing to attend trainings regarding problem solving courts and willing to attend team meetings that further develop this court.

Application Procedure:

- Applications are available in Room W173, Terry R. Harris Judicial Complex, 270 South Tejon Street, Colorado Springs, CO 80903.
- The deadline for submitting applications is October 13, 2012, 5:00 PM. Please submit applications to Judicial Administration, Room S410, Terry R. Harris Judicial Complex, 270 South Tejon Street, Colorado Springs, CO 80903 or by email to mary.perry@judicial.state.co.us.

Selection:

Contractor selection is determined by the Chief or Presiding Judge or his/her designee. 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.