REQUEST FOR THE PROVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES TO REPRESENT INDIGENT RESPONDENT PARENTS IN DEPENDENCY AND NEGLECT ACTIONS

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March 5, 2015

The 1st Judicial District, Colorado Judicial Department, is seeking qualified attorneys to provide legal representation for indigent respondent parents in dependency and neglect cases pursuant to Section 19-3-202 (1), 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 made during the period of July 01, 2015 through June 30, 2016. The Department will pay a basic contract fee of $75.00* per hour under the terms of the contract, with additional fees as described in the contract. 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 respondent parent counsel appointments for respondents in Dependency and Neglect cases in this District. **You are required to request your contract payments for court appointments on-line.**

Note: Any appointment made pursuant to the Fiscal Year 2016 contract that is still active on or after July 1, 2016, shall be under the purview of the Office of Respondent Parent Counsel.

**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 3 years. Significant experience in family law is highly desirable. A description of additional District 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. Applications for the 1st Judicial District are available at http://www.courts.state.co.us/Courts/County/Index.cfm?County_ID=2
- The deadline for submitting applications to the District is April 3, 2015 at 5 p.m.
  Please submit applications to stephanie.trujillo@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. ***