

SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 04-13

(Juvenile Practice Standards)

WHEREAS, D.C. Code §16-2304(a)(2001) provides that a child alleged to be delinquent or in need of supervision is entitled to be represented by counsel at all critical stages of Division proceedings in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, and such counsel is appointed by judges of the Superior Court pursuant to Criminal Justice Act, D.C. Code Ann. §§ 11-2601 to 2609 (2001); and

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia Family Court Act of 2001, Pub. L. 107-114 Stat. 2100 (2002) provides that the Superior Court shall establish standards of practice for attorneys appointed as counsel in matters under the jurisdiction of the Family Court of the Superior Court; and

WHEREAS, the Attorney Practice Standards for Representing Juveniles Charged with Delinquency or as Persons in Need of Supervision have been developed by the Juvenile Subcommittee of the Family Court Implementation Committee and approved by the Family Court Implementation Committee; and

WHEREAS, Administrative Order 04-04 was issued by the Chief Judge providing a 40-day period for commentary on the proposed standards and no comments were received; and

WHEREAS, the Attorney Practice Standards for Representing Juveniles Charged with Delinquency or as Persons in Need of Supervision are intended to define the role and responsibilities of counsel and improve the quality of representation of children in delinquency cases and cases involving persons in need of supervision under the jurisdiction of the Family Court of the District of Columbia Superior Court;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is by the Court,

ORDERED, that the Attorney Practice Standards for Representing Juveniles Charged with Delinquency or as Persons in Need of Supervision published herewith and the training requirements thereunder shall take effect on the date of this order and

shall govern practice in delinquency matters and cases involving persons in need of supervision.

SO ORDERED.

BY THE COURT

June 30, 2004

/s/

Rufus G. King, III
Chief Judge

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