

**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 14-19**

Compensation for Special Education Attorneys

WHEREAS, under the Plan for Furnishing Representation in Neglect Proceedings in the District of Columbia (CCAN Plan) and the Plan for Furnishing Representation to Indigents under the District of Columbia Criminal Justice Act (CJA Plan), in Family Court child abuse and neglect, juvenile delinquency, and persons in need of supervision (PINS) proceedings, special education attorneys may be appointed for the purpose of addressing educational issues that cannot be effectively addressed by the guardian *ad litem* or defense attorney;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is by this court,

ORDERED, that special education attorneys appointed under the CCAN Plan or CJA Plan may be compensated pursuant to the CCAN Plan or the CJA Plan, to the extent not compensated for such services through the District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS), pursuant to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act; and it is further

ORDERED, that each voucher for payment for the services of a special education attorney shall be accompanied by a certification in the attorney comment area that the voucher does not include any services for which payment has been made by or requested from DCPS, or that such request has been denied in full by DCPS and such denial has been affirmed by a court of competent jurisdiction; and it is further

ORDERED, that vouchers submitted in child abuse and neglect proceedings shall be subject to the compensation schedule (that is, for services from initial hearing through disposition and for services in each case year subsequent to disposition) and limits established by D.C. Code § 16-2326.01 and the CCAN Plan; and it is further

ORDERED, that vouchers submitted in juvenile delinquency and PINS proceedings shall be subject to the provisions of D.C. Code § 11-2604 and the CJA Plan; and it is further

ORDERED, that this order shall take effect on January 1, 2015.

SO ORDERED.

BY THE COURT

DATE: November 17, 2014

/s/
Lee F. Satterfield
Chief Judge

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