

## **PROCEDURES FOR STAND-IN ATTORNEYS REPRESENTING PARENTS IN FAMILY TREATMENT COURT**

The engagement of Stand-In Attorneys who will be responsible for representing and advising Family Treatment Court (FTC) participants, as needed, during joint FTC review hearings will allow the Court and FTC team to engage with all FTC participants with the purpose of encouraging, congratulating, and recognizing their achievements.

The Stand-In Attorney will be responsible for being present during these FTC review hearings and providing legal advice to any participant, as needed. The Stand-In Attorney is responsible for informing the attorney of record about any action taken on behalf of a participant, including any pleadings filed or orders issued resulting from the Stand-In Attorney's representation. Stand-In Attorneys shall be compensated at the usual CCAN statutory rate. Vouchers shall be issued to cover services starting on the first day of the month and shall be utilized for all services rendered during the 30 (or 31) day period. Vouchers shall be submitted to the presiding judge of the Family Treatment Court for payment at the end of each 30 (or 31) day cycle.

Because FTC is a specialized therapeutic court and matters are handled differently than regular abuse and neglect cases, Stand-In Attorneys must have experience handling FTC cases. Therefore, eligible Stand-In Attorneys shall be drawn from a list of qualified CCAN Attorneys with experience handling two or more FTC cases. Attorneys selected to serve as Stand-In Attorneys must agree to serve one day a month for a period not to exceed three months. If at any time during the three-month rotation the assigned Stand-In Attorney is not available, the attorney must arrange for an Alternate Stand-In Attorney from the approved list of FTC attorneys. To ensure the availability of an adequate number of attorneys to serve as Stand-In Attorneys, the Court will select two (2) Stand-In Attorneys and two (2) Alternates to serve each three-month rotation.

Stand-In Attorneys may be appointed from this list<sup>1</sup> to serve by signing up through CCAN Office procedures. The CCAN Office will email eligible attorneys prior to the start of

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<sup>1</sup> On March 30, 2011, the CCAN office sent an email notification to all CCAN Panel attorneys inviting qualified attorneys to apply for a Stand-In Attorney position. Attorneys seeking appointment as Stand-In Attorneys were given until April 29, 2011 to notify the CCAN office. Interested attorneys were instructed to provide the name and case numbers for two FTC cases. The CCAN staff verified the cases and appointments to ensure that the cases were

this new system so that attorneys can indicate whether they are available for the first three-month rotation as a Stand-In or Alternate. Attorneys must be available on the applicable day each month for the entire three months. If an attorney later becomes unavailable, that attorney shall contact the Stand-In Alternate to appear at the hearing. Thereafter, CCAN will email the eligible attorneys one month prior to each three-month rotation to determine availability. If more attorneys sign up than are needed, the Stand-In appointments will be rotated among the attorneys who are eligible for this duty, subject to the availability of the attorneys. Similar to the C-10 and Traffic Duty Day Programs, a Chairperson<sup>2</sup> shall be designated to help facilitate the attorney appointment process and serve as liaison between the Stand-In Attorneys and the FTC presiding judge.

Effective September 13, 2011, the following attorneys are eligible to serve as Stand-In Attorneys for FTC:

Michael Barry, Esq.  
Marco Cabezas, Esq.  
Jack Sansom Gilmore, Esq.  
Murphy Henry, Esq.  
Chidinma Iwuji, Esq.  
Cynthia Jefferson, Esq.  
Desiree Knights Taylor, Esq.  
Madhaven Nair, Esq.  
Jon Pascale, Esq.  
Ethan Susskind, Esq.  
Julius Terrell, Esq.  
Russell Washington, Esq.

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FTC matters and that the attorney met the requisite requirement to serve as a Stand-In. The list represents the qualified attorneys.

<sup>2</sup> The CCAN office will facilitate the attorney appointment process and serve as liaison between the FTC Panel Attorneys and the FTC presiding judge.