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**Juvenile Court Administrative Order No. 12/006-902**

**730 Panel of Evaluators**

A. All Evidence Code Section 730 Evaluations for Juvenile Court must be ordered by a judicial officer of the Juvenile Court Panel, and must be conducted by evaluators who are mental health professionals, and members of the Juvenile Court's 730 Panel of Evaluators. If the parties wish to stipulate to an examiner who is not on the panel, they must make a motion before the assigned judicial officer, and the appointment is subject to the approval of the Presiding Judge of Juvenile Court. The motion must have a declaration attached setting forth the qualifications of examiner, fee for services and maximum cost authorized for the evaluator.

B. Ex parte communications by the attorneys or the parties with the evaluator are prohibited, unless for scheduling purposes or as approved by the judge, commissioner, or referee hearing the case. An attorney for a party must provide the evaluator with documents pertaining to the case as directed in the Court's Order.

C. The Presiding Judge of Juvenile Court shall appoint an Advisory Committee to assist in the selection of the 730 Panel, and to periodically review and report on the performance of the panelists selected. The Committee will meet on a quarterly basis. Any requests to be added to the panel must be made in writing, and accompanied by a letter of interest and Curriculum Vitae.

D. Requests for removal of an evaluator from a case must be made on noticed motion filed in the department in which the matter is pending and served on the evaluator and all parties.

E. Minimum Standards for Panel Members:

1. Psychiatrists

- (a) A doctorate in medicine from an accredited medical school;
- (b) Proof of licensure as a physician by the Medical Board of California;

- (c) Successful completion of a residency in psychiatry
- (d) At least two years of experience in the diagnosis and treatment of emotional and mental disorders;
- (e) No history of complaints or discipline;
- (f) No personal or professional conflict of interest in serving on the Court's panel;
- (g) Proof of liability insurance.

## 2. Psychologists

- (a) A doctorate in psychology from a university or professional school accredited by the American Psychological Association;
- (b) Proof of licensure as a psychologist by the State Department of Consumer Affairs, Department of Psychology;
- (c) A minimum of two years supervised graduate level experience specializing in the diagnosis and treatment of emotional and mental disorders.
- (d) Documentation of substantial experience in performing forensic evaluations;
- (e) No history of complaints or discipline;
- (f) No personal or professional conflict of interest in serving on the Court's panel;
- (g) Proof of liability insurance.

3. Expert Qualification of the Evaluation of Minors as to Certain Sex Offenses: Appointments for the evaluation for disposition following a sustained petition for certain sex offenses must meet all the requirements outlined the Sections E (1) & (2), above, and also demonstrate significant education, experience, training and expertise in the evaluation and/or treatment of sex offenders.

## G. Appointment of Evaluators, Submission of Reports, Testimony and Remuneration

1. Judicial officers who make the appointments from the Panel will attempt to follow the practice of appointing evaluators on a rotating basis. However, if there is a need for a special expertise in a certain area, the judicial officers are not obligated to follow this practice.

2. The notice of appointment will come via telephone call from the Juvenile Court. Subsequently, an Appointment, Order and the minute order will be sent by mail. These documents should provide the basis for the examination.

3. The Evaluator will conduct evaluations and deliver written reports in compliance with the deadlines set by the Court, and come to court to testify if required to do so.

4. The Evaluator may be required to conduct interviews and administer tests in local juvenile residential institutions and/or Juvenile Hall.

5. The Evaluator will comply with the following process and fee schedule:

(a) The basic "product" to be delivered to the Juvenile Court will be an evaluation. The work done by the evaluator shall include the interviewing and the testing of the subject of the evaluation, and the interviewing of other court-ordered relevant persons; obtaining a history of the case, making relevant telephone calls, and the writing of the report.

(b) The fee for each court-ordered evaluation is a flat \$700.00.

(c) The fee for each court-ordered interview is a flat \$100.00. Payment for interviews will only be made if the name of the person to be interviewed appears in the Court's minute order.

(d) For court time/testimony, the fees are \$250.00 for half day testimony, and \$400.00 full day testimony.

(e) Extraordinary fees will be paid at the rate of \$100.00 per hour. Extraordinary fees must be approved by the appointing judicial officer, or from the Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court PRIOR to submission of the invoice for services. In order to obtain extraordinary fees, the evaluator must submit a declaration in writing demonstrating need and justification.

Invoices are to be sent directly to Juvenile Court Billing.

This Juvenile Court Administrative Order is to remain in effect until otherwise ordered by the Presiding Judge of Juvenile Court.

Dated this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2012:



DOUGLAS J. HATCHIMONJI  
PRESIDING JUDGE of JUVENILE COURT