



Dakota County Court Appointed Counsel – Mental Health/Commitments

Request for Qualifications

The First Judicial District-Dakota County District Court, in conjunction with Dakota County Administration, seeks to appoint an attorney from which the Court can appoint to provide mandated legal defense services to respondents in civil commitment proceedings, which legally require the appointment of counsel per Minn. Stat. §253B.07. This will include appointment for sexual psychopathic personality, sexually dangerous person, services related to the special review board hearings and may include mentally ill and dangerous type commitment cases.

Preferred qualifications include:

- Two years or more of legal practice and substantial experience in the area of mental health law
- Current licensed attorney in good standing with the State of Minnesota
- Hold malpractice insurance with a minimum of \$200,000 coverage per occurrence/claim
- Court Authorization to confirm standing with Lawyers Professional Responsibility Board

The current county contract rate is a monthly stipend amount. Court hearings are held at the Dakota County Judicial Center in Hastings, Minnesota and remotely through www.ZoomGov.com on Mondays and Thursdays and occasional Tuesdays. The court time varies and is dependent on case filings.

Information can be located at <http://www.mncourts.gov/Find-Courts/Dakota.aspx>.

Please mail completed qualification and authorization form with an attached resume to:

**Deb Hubley, Court Operations Manager
Dakota County District Court
1560 West Hwy 55
Hastings, MN 55033
deb.hubley@courts.state.mn.us**

Applications must be received by Tuesday, January 2, 2024 @ 4:30 p.m.

FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT
DAKOTA COUNTY

COURT APPOINTED ATTORNEY QUALIFICATION AND AUTHORIZATION FORM

Attorney Name:

Name of Law Firm:

Office Address:

Office Phone Number:

Office Fax Number:

Attorney ID Number:

1. Malpractice Insurance Carrier:

Policy Number:

Limits:

2. Do you currently have 2 years-experience as a practicing attorney? Yes or No

List the dates of your legal practice in Minnesota: _____ to _____

3. Do you currently have 2 years - experience with Mental Health Commitment Cases? Yes or No
If yes, please include experience in attached resume.

4. Have you ever been a Court Appointed Attorney before? Yes or No

**5. Briefly explain your interest and experience in the areas of
Mental Health law:**

6. Are you able to comply with the mandatory electronic eFiling requirements? Yes or No

7. It may be necessary for you to interview people outside of your office. Yes or No Therefore, please answer the following:

a. Are you a licensed driver in the State of Minnesota? Yes or No

b. Would you be using your own car? Yes or No

If yes, do you have liability and collision insurance for such vehicle? Yes or No

8. Are you able to file documents remotely? Yes or No

9. Are you currently under discipline, suspension, and/or probation by the Minnesota Supreme Court?

Yes or No

If yes, please explain:

I authorize the Office of Lawyer's Professional Responsibility to disclose my public and private history to the Dakota County Court Administrator's Office. (NOTE: Each applicant must also complete the separate Authorization Form for the Lawyer's Professional Responsibility Board as the qualification is maintained by the Court).

Signature

Date

FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT
DAKOTA COUNTY DISTRICT COURT

COURT APPOINTED ATTORNEY AUTHORIZATION FORM

ATTORNEY NAME:

NAME OF LAW FIRM:

OFFICE ADDRESS:

OFFICE PHONE NUMBER:

ATTORNEY ID NUMBER:

I am presently not under suspension or probation by the Minnesota Supreme Court, and I understand that I will be suspended from service in Dakota County for cause upon a finding by the First Judicial District Chief Judge. I authorize the Dakota County Court Administrator's Office to verify my disciplinary status with the appropriate boards and I authorize the Office of Lawyer's Professional Responsibility to disclose my public and private history to the Dakota County Court Administrator's Office.

Signature

Date