

Attorney Qualifications for County Reimbursement, Juvenile Cases

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Juvenile cases	Training*	Experience
Unruly, truancy, violation of court order, and misdemeanors	Minimum six hours CLE in juvenile delinquency practice and procedure OR Successful completion of clinical education program on juvenile law	In lieu of required training, one year experience as an attorney
Misdemeanor OVI	Minimum six hours CLE focused on OVI practice and procedure	
3rd, 4th, and 5th degree felonies	Within two years prior to appointment, minimum 12 hours CLE in criminal practice and procedure, at least six of which must be in juvenile delinquency practice and procedure	At least one year experience as attorney practicing in juvenile delinquency law
1st and 2nd degree felonies	Within two years prior to appointment, minimum 12 hours CLE in criminal practice and procedure, at least six of which must be in juvenile delinquency practice and procedure	At least two years' experience as attorney practicing in juvenile delinquency law AND Within 10 years preceding the appointment, prior experience as lead trial counsel in at least two bench trials in juvenile court, at least one of which involved a felony-level charge OR as lead counsel in one felony bench trial AND co-counsel in two additional bench trials
Bindover and serious youthful offender cases	Within two years prior to appointment, minimum 12 hours CLE in criminal practice and procedure, at least six of which must be in juvenile delinquency practice and procedure	Requisite experience to be appointed to a juvenile case based upon the highest degree of charge in the case AND requisite experience to be appointed to an adult case based upon the highest degree felony charged OR Co-counsel who meets the adult-case training and experience requirements must also be appointed
Murder and aggravated murder cases	Within two years prior to appointment, minimum 12 hours CLE in criminal practice and procedure, at least six of which must be in juvenile delinquency practice and procedure	At least three years' experience as attorney practicing in juvenile delinquency law AND Within 10 years preceding appointment, prior experience as lead trial counsel in at least four bench trials in juvenile court, at least three of which involved a felony-level charge OR as lead counsel in three bench trials, two of which involved a felony-level charge AND as co-counsel in three additional bench trials

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Attorney Qualifications for County Reimbursement, Misdemeanors

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Misdemeanors	Training	Experience
All misdemeanors	Minimum six hours CLE in criminal practice and procedure OR Successful completion of a clinical education program focusing on criminal defense	In lieu of required training, at least one year experience as an attorney
Misdemeanor OVI	Minimum six hours CLE focused on OVI practice and procedure	
All misdemeanor appeals	Minimum six hours CLE in criminal or appellate practice and procedure OR Successful completion of a clinical education program focusing on appellate practice	In lieu of required training, at least one year experience as an attorney
Misdemeanor OVI appeals	Minimum six hours CLE focused on OVI practice and procedure	

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Attorney Qualifications for County Reimbursement, Capital Cases

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Death specification*	Training**	Experience
Lead trial counsel	Must meet qualifications of Supreme Court Rules for Appointment of Counsel in Capital Cases (formerly Rule 20) AND Must appear on list of attorneys qualified to accept appointments in capital cases promulgated by the Commission on Appointment of Counsel in Capital Cases (formerly the Rule 20 Commission) OR Must have a waiver of pre-qualification issued by the Commission on Appointment of Counsel in Capital Cases (formerly the Rule 20 Commission)	At least five years' criminal litigation experience AND Experience as lead counsel for the defense in jury trial of at least one capital case OR experience as co-counsel for the defense in jury trial of at least two capital cases AND Within ten years preceding appointment, experience as lead counsel in jury trial of at least one murder or aggravated murder case OR within five years preceding appointment, experience as lead counsel in three aggravated or first or second degree felony jury trials
Trial co-counsel	Must meet qualifications of Supreme Court Rules for Appointment of Counsel in Capital Cases (formerly Rule 20) AND Must appear on list of attorneys qualified to accept appointments in capital cases promulgated by the Commission on Appointment of Counsel in Capital Cases (formerly the Rule 20 Commission) OR Must have a waiver of pre-qualification issued by the Commission on Appointment of Counsel in Capital Cases (formerly the Rule 20 Commission)	At least three years' of criminal litigation experience AND Within 10 years preceding appointment, experience as co-counsel in one murder or aggravated murder jury trial OR within five years preceding appointment, experience as lead counsel in one first or second degree felony jury trial OR within five years preceding appointment, experience as lead or co-counsel in at least two felony jury or civil jury trials

*These requirements apply in any case in which a defendant is charged with aggravated murder with a death penalty specification, including cases in which the defendant is a juvenile or is otherwise precluded from being sentenced to death.

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Attorney Qualifications for County Reimbursement, Felonies

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Felonies	Training*	Experience
Felony OVI	Minimum six hours CLE in OVI practice and procedure	
4th and 5th degree	Within two years prior to appointment, minimum 12 hours CLE in criminal practice and procedure	At least one year experience in criminal law
3rd degree	Within two years prior to appointment, minimum 12 hours CLE in criminal practice and procedure	At least one year experience in criminal law AND Within six years preceding appointment, experience as lead trial counsel in at least one criminal jury trial OR as co-counsel in at least two jury trials
1st and 2nd degree	Within two years prior to appointment, minimum 12 hours CLE in criminal practice and procedure	At least three years' experience in criminal law AND Within 10 years preceding appointment, experience as lead trial counsel in two criminal jury trials, at least one of which involved felony charges OR as lead counsel in one felony jury trial and as co-counsel in two additional jury trials
Life-sentence cases**	Within two years prior to appointment, minimum 12 hours CLE in criminal practice and procedure	At least five years' experience in criminal law AND Within 10 years preceding appointment, experience as lead trial counsel in five felony jury trials, at least three of which involved felony charges of the 1st or 2nd degree OR as lead counsel in three jury trials, at least one of which was a 3rd degree felony and as co-counsel in five additional jury trials, at least three of which were 1st or 2nd degree felonies

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**Any case where the defendant is charged with any felony that carries a potential sentence of life imprisonment, whether eligible or ineligible for parole

Attorney Qualifications for County Reimbursement, Adult Appeals

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Adult cases	Training*	Experience**
Misdemeanors and 4th and 5th degree felonies	Minimum six hours CLE in criminal or appellate practice and procedure OR Successful completion of clinical education program focusing on appellate practice	In lieu of required training, at least one year experience as an attorney
3rd degree felonies	Within two years prior to appointment, minimum 12 hours CLE in criminal practice and procedure, at least six of which must be in appellate practice	At least one year experience as attorney practicing in appellate law AND Within six years preceding appointment, filed appeals in three cases resolved by plea OR one appeal of a case resolved by trial
1st and 2nd degree felonies	Within two years prior to appointment, minimum 12 hours CLE in criminal practice and procedure, at least six of which must be in appellate practice	At least two years' experience as attorney practicing in appellate law AND Within 10 years preceding appointment, filed appeals in three cases resolved by trial
Cumulative sentences of 25 years or more	Within two years prior to appointment, minimum 12 hours CLE in criminal practice and procedure, at least six of which must be in appellate practice	At least five years' experience as an attorney practicing in appellate law AND Within 10 years preceding the appointment, filed appeals in five cases resolved by trial

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Juvenile cases	Training*	Experience**
Unruly, truancy, violation of court order, misdemeanor, and 3rd, 4th, and 5th degree felonies	Minimum 9 hours CLE in appellate practice and procedure and juvenile delinquency practice & procedure OR Successful completion of clinical education program focusing on appellate practice and procedure AND minimum 6 hours CLE in juvenile delinquency practice & procedure OR Successful completion of clinical education program focused on juvenile delinquency practice and procedure AND minimum 6 hours CLE in appellate practice and procedure	
1st and 2nd degree felonies	Within two years immediately prior to appointment, minimum 12 hours CLE, at least six of which in delinquency practice and at least six of which in appellate practice	At least two years' experience as attorney in juvenile delinquency and appellate law AND Within six years preceding appointment, filed appeals in three juvenile delinquency cases
Bindover and serious youthful offender cases	Requisite training required to handle the appeal of a juvenile case based upon the highest degree of felony charged	Requisite experience to handle the appeal of a juvenile case based upon the highest degree of felony charged AND Requisite experience to handle the appeal of an adult case based upon the highest degree of felony charged OR Co-counsel who meets the adult-case training and experience requirements must also be appointed

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