

STATE OF OHIO)
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COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA)

IN THE BEDFORD MUNICIPAL COURT

IN RE: LOCAL RULE 47

JOURNAL ENTRY

Bedford Municipal Court is hereby amending the Local Rules of the Bedford Municipal Court as follows:

RULE 47.00 - COURT APPOINTED COUNSEL

No attorney shall be appointed to represent an indigent person unless his/her name appears on the Court Appointed Counsel List.

- A. **APPLICATION** - Attorneys who wish to be appointed to represent indigent Defendants shall submit a written application with the Administrative Judge. Said Application must include the attorney's name, email address, business address, Ohio Attorney Registration Number, and whether the attorney is in good standing with the Ohio Supreme Court. The application shall also include any special areas of expertise, such as language fluency or mental health law specialization. Attorneys approved for appointment will be approved for one calendar year and, thereafter, performance will be reviewed a minimum of once per year. Said list will also be reviewed by the judges on a quarterly basis.
- B. **MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS** – In order to be appointed by Bedford Municipal Court, an appointment must meet the minimum requirements as outlined in Ohio Administrative Code 120-1-10. Applicant must provide the Clerk of Courts with proof of those requirements with the request for appointment.
- C. **APPOINTMENT AND REMOVAL** - The court may decline to accept any application for inclusion on the list, or may remove the name of any attorney from the list at the discretion of the Administrative Judge.
- D. **ASSIGNMENT** - Attorneys shall be assigned to represent indigent defendants by appointment from a master list and in rolling order, considering the following pursuant to Rule 8 of the Ohio Rules of Superintendence:
 - The anticipated complexity of the case;
 - Any educational, mental health language, or other challenges facing the party for whom the appointment is made;

- The relevant experience of those persons available to accept the appointment; including proficiency in a foreign language, familiarity with mental health issues, and scientific or other evidence issues;
- The avoidance of conflicts of interest or other situations that may potentially delay timely completion of the case;
- Intangible factors, including the court or judicial officer's view of a potential appointee's commitment to providing timely, cost-effective, quality representation to each prospective client.

IT IS SO ORDERED


BRIAN J. MELLING
Presiding and Administrative Judge

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THOMAS E. DAY, JR.
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BEDFORD MUNICIPAL COURT