



Lake County
Court of Common Pleas
Juvenile Division

Judge Karen Lawson

This form may require a filing fee, please refer to the Fee Schedule.

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT FINANCIAL
DISCLOSURE AFFIDAVIT OF INDIGENCY FORMS**

***EACH LINE MUST CONTAIN A DOLLAR AMOUNT OR A
ZERO. DO NOT WRITE "NONE" OR "N/A" OR DRAW ANY
LINES IN SPACES OR COLUMNS!!***

***FILLING THE FORM OUT IMPROPERLY MAY AFFECT
APPROVAL OF YOUR APPLICATION.***

***COMPLETED FORMS MUST BE SWORN TO IN FRONT OF
A DEPUTY CLERK OR A NOTARY.***

Signature

Print Name

Case Number

Date



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REQUEST FOR COURT APPOINTED COUNSEL

Your application to obtain court appointed counsel will be reviewed by the proper authority. They will consider your financial status as well as the type of issue to be addressed in Court.

Your financial qualification is determined based upon indigency guidelines established by the State.

The Court is only authorized and allowed to appoint attorneys to be paid at public expense for the following cases:

1. Delinquency cases in which your child is charged with committing a crime.
2. Unruly cases in which your child is charged with committing a status offense. Examples: Truancy, curfew, tobacco.
3. Cases in which a parent is accused of child abuse, child neglect, or it is claimed that the child is a dependent child. These cases are usually filed by the Department of Job and Family Services.
4. Cases which are filed pursuant to the Interstate Compact Law (Ohio Revised Code 2151.56-2151.61).
5. Contempt of Court. Cases in which you are charged with being in contempt of Court by the State of Ohio or by a state agency.
6. Criminal cases in which you are charged with a crime; such as contributing to the delinquency or unruliness of a child or for non-support.
7. Cases in which the State, or a state agency has filed a Writ of Habeas Corpus against you.

The Court cannot appoint an attorney to represent you in any other type of case including the following:

- A. Complaints to determine whether a parent-child relationship exists, formerly called paternity cases.
- B. Cases to determine or modify custody of, or visitation with children.
- C. Cases to determine, modify or enforce child support.
- D. Cases transferred to this Court from Domestic Relations Court.
- E. Any other civil case. A civil case is any case that does not include the possibility that you may be incarcerated.

THE COURT WILL NOT DENY YOU THE RIGHT TO APPLY FOR AN ATTORNEY. THERE IS, HOWEVER, A \$25.00 NON-REFUNDABLE FEE. IF YOUR CASE IS ONE OF THOSE LISTED IN A-E, IT IS PROBABLE THAT YOUR REQUEST WILL BE DENIED BUT YOUR RIGHT TO APPLY WILL NOT BE DENIED.

Name

Phone

Address

Date of Application

City State Zip

State briefly the reason for requesting court appointed counsel. Describe the issue that would require a court hearing.

Is there an existing case filed in the Lake County Juvenile Court? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, what is the case number? _____

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DETERMINATION OF YOUR REQUEST

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- ☐ APPROVED ☐ The Court has appointed Attorney _____ to represent you.
☐ FEE ☐ You will be represented by the Public Defender.
☐ DENIED ☐ You should contact your attorney or the Public Defender for an appointment.
- You do not qualify for court appointed counsel for the following reason:
- ☐ You are not indigent as per the guidelines
☐ Your issue does not qualify for the court appointed counsel.

Date of Determination: _____

Determined By: _____

Title: _____

VII. MONTHLY LIABILITIES/OTHER EXPENSES

VIII. GRAND TOTALS

Type of Liability	Amount
Rent / Mortgage	
Food	
Electric	
Gas	
Fuel	
Telephone	
Cable	
Water / Sewer / Trash	
Credit Cards	
Loans	
Taxes Owed	
Other	
E. LIABILITIES & OTHER EXPENSE	

C. ADJ. TOTAL INCOME

D. TOTAL ASSETS

E. LIABILITIES & OTHER

\$25.00 APPLICATION FEE NOTICE

By submitting this Financial Disclosure Form/Affidavit of Indigency Form, you will be assessed a non-refundable \$25.00 application fee unless waived or reduced by the court. If assessed, the fee is to be paid to the clerk of courts within seven (7) days of submitting this form to the court, the public defender, your appointed counsel or any other party who will make a determination regarding your indigency.

IX. AFFIDAVIT OF INDIGENCY

I, _____ (affiant) being duly sworn, say:

1. I am financially unable to retain private counsel without substantial hardship to me or my family.
2. I understand that I must inform the public defender or appointed attorney if my financial situation should change before the disposition of the case(s) for which representation is being provided.
3. I understand that if it is determined by the county, or by the Court, that legal representation should not have been provided, I may be required to reimburse the county for the costs of representation provided. Any action filed by the county to collect legal fees hereunder must be brought within two years from the last date legal representation was provided.
4. I understand that I am subject to criminal charges for providing false financial information in connection with the above application for legal representation pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Sections 120.05 and 2921.13.
5. I hereby certify that the information I have provided on this financial disclosure form is true to the best of my knowledge.

Affiant's Signature

Date

Notary Public/Individual duly authorized to administer oath:

Subscribed and duly sworn before me according to law, by the above named applicant this _____ day of _____, _____, at _____, County of _____ and State of _____.

Signature of person administering oath

Title

X. JUDGE CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that above-noted applicant is unable to fill out and/or sign this financial disclosure/affidavit for the following reason: _____.

I have determined that the applicant meets the criteria for receiving court appointed counsel.

Judge's Signature

Date