

STATE OF MICHIGAN



54TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT

HON. AMY GRACE GIERHART
CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE

440 NORTH STATE STREET
CARO, MICHIGAN 48723

(989) 672-3720

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

RE: CONTRACT TO PROVIDE INDIGENT FAMILY DIVISION REPRESENTATION IN THE 54TH CIRCUIT COURT FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2017

ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS: Any member in good standing of the State Bar of Michigan.

DATE OF SUBMISSION DEADLINE: All proposals must be submitted, in writing, to Caryn Painter, Circuit Court Administrator, no later than 4:30 p.m. on November 4th, 2016.

CONTRACT PERIOD: Calendar year 2017. All cases filed in 2017 shall be included in the contract and the attorney(s) awarded the contract shall continue representation on all cases filed in 2017 until completed.

DESCRIPTION OF INTENDED SERVICES: The contract will provide for the representation of all indigent respondents/defendants in delinquency and neglect proceedings who are entitled to court appointed counsel in the 54th Circuit Court. Indigence and the right to appointed counsel shall be determined by the Court after reviewing a petition for court appointed counsel and a financial statement

The attorney(s) awarded the contract shall provide all necessary legal representation to indigent respondents including, but not limited to, preliminary hearings, waiver hearings, pretrial conferences and motions, trials, review hearings, dispositional hearings (incl. termination), probation violation hearings, and other relevant hearings (incl. visitation, placement, removal, support, reimbursement, bond, or detention).

Attorneys shall represent the mother, father, putative father, children, and, when the Court finds it necessary, other persons qualifying as a "custodian" under the Juvenile Code.

Proposals should include an annual contract amount, the terms of payment to be negotiated upon award of the contract. Priority will be given to multiple attorney proposals, although not required. The Court may after one year, at its discretion and with the agreement of both parties, renew the contract for a period of one year at a time at the same annual contract amount.

Further questions should be forwarded to: Caryn Painter, Circuit Court Administrator, at (989) 672-6072, 440 North State St., Caro, MI 48723.

The 54th Circuit Court reserves the right to reject any and all bid proposals.