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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

IN AND FOR THE COURT OF MOHAVE

IN RE THE MATTER OF:

APPOINTMENT OF COUNSEL FOR JUVENILE DELINQUENT AND DEPENDENCY MATTERS

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
97-15

A. Effective September 1, 1997 the Court will use the following guidelines for appointment of indigent counsel in all juvenile cases:

LEVEL 1

Size of Family	100 %
1	658
2	885
3	1111
4	1338
5	1565
6	1791
7	2018
8	2245
Extra	227

LEVEL 2

Size of Family	185 %
1	1217
2	1636
3	2056
4	2475
5	2894
6	3314
7	3733
8	4152
Extra	420

B. 1. If an applicant's income is below level one the Court will appoint counsel to represent the juvenile in delinquency proceedings or the parents in a severance or dependency proceeding. The Court may refuse appointment of counsel if the family has significant assets other than income.

2. If the income is above level two no attorney will be appointed unless the Court finds unusual financial circumstances exist where hiring an attorney would be an extreme hardship.

3. Between level one and level two the Court may appoint counsel. The Court can consider the families assets in determing whether or not to appoint counsel.

4. In all dependency or severance cases the parents shall be ordered to reimburse the Court for costs of counsel. In delinquencies the child shall be ordered to pay a portion of the costs if the juvenile is adjudicated delinquent. The parents shall pay the remainder.

C. The Court may order the parents to pay the costs of a child's attorney in a dependency case based on these guidelines.

D. All parents shall complete an indigency affidavit prior to the initial appearance.

HONORABLE JAMES E. CHAVEZ
PRESIDING JUVENILE JUDGE