Solicitation for Independent Contractor Attorney -Dependency Counsel

The Superior Court of California, County of Butte is seeking the services of an independent contractor attorney or firm to represent minors and adults in juvenile dependency cases at the trial court level. The Court intends to award one (1) contract for a full-time caseload (approximately 150 to 200 active cases).

Attorneys representing children and parents in dependency proceedings are typically appointed by the Court. Each case may have multiple attorneys assigned to represent the parties. Juvenile dependency court calendars occur on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday of each week at 8:30 AM (with some calendars lasting until 5pm) at the Oroville Courthouse located at 1 Court Street, Oroville CA, 95965. Periodic detention hearings may also occur at 8:25 AM on Monday and Friday of each week.

It is preferred that the selected contractor is prepared to accept all appointments, whether new or ongoing, as of **July 1**st, **2025**. However, individuals that are not available until a later date are still encouraged to submit a proposal.

Qualifications

The following minimum qualifications must be met to provide services:

- Active membership in good standing with the California State Bar.
- Meeting the requirements in Welfare and Institutions Code § 317, California Rules of Court, rule 5.660, and Butte Superior Court Local Rules, rule 17 for dependency representation, education, and training.

Prior experience representing minors and/or adults in juvenile dependency cases is also desired.

If offered a contract, individuals are required to submit to and pass a Live Scan background check prior to providing services.

Compensation

Pay for these services is subject to funding allocated to the Court for dependency representation, which fluctuates annually. Pay for the current fiscal year is \$14,187.00 per month.

Proposal Instructions

Interested individuals must submit a complete proposal for receipt by the Court by 11:59 PM on Friday, June 6th, 2025. Proposals must include:

- A resume and cover letter which demonstrate the minimum qualifications for this position are met.
- A work plan that details how the contractor intends to provide services and when they will be available to accept appointments.
- If applicable, qualifications of staff that will assist the contractor in performing solicited services.
- Proof of business and professional licenses.

Proposals may be submitted using one of the below methods.

Email: administration@buttecourt.ca.gov

Fax: (530) 538-8567

Mail:

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Questions may be submitted to <u>administration@buttecourt.ca.gov</u> or by phone at (530) 532-7013.