

Attorney Qualifications for County Reimbursement, Juvenile Cases

Pursuant to Ohio Administrative Code section 120-1-10, appointed counsel must meet these requirements in order to qualify for state reimbursement.
The state public defender may refuse to reimburse the county for cases on which appointed counsel do not meet these requirements.

Juvenile cases	Training*	Experience **
Unruly, truancy, violation of court order, and misdemeanors cases	Within two years prior to the appointment, completed minimum six hours CLE in juvenile delinquency practice and procedure <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> Successful completion of clinical education program on juvenile law	In lieu of required training, one year of experience as an attorney
Juvenile OVI cases	Within two years prior to the appointment, completed minimum six hours CLE focused on OVI practice and procedure	
Juvenile cases involving 3rd, 4th, and 5th degree felonies	Within two years prior to appointment, minimum 12 hours CLE in criminal practice and procedure, at least six of which must be in juvenile delinquency practice and procedure	At least one year of experience as attorney practicing in juvenile delinquency law
Juvenile cases involving 1st and 2nd degree felonies	Within two years prior to appointment, minimum 12 hours CLE in criminal practice and procedure, at least six of which must be in juvenile delinquency practice and procedure	At least two years of experience as attorney practicing in juvenile delinquency law <p style="text-align: center;">AND</p> Within 10 years preceding the appointment, prior experience as trial counsel in at least two bench trials in juvenile court, at least one of which was as lead counsel
Bindover and serious youthful offender cases	Within two years prior to appointment, minimum 12 hours CLE in criminal practice and procedure, at least six of which must be in juvenile delinquency practice and procedure	Requisite experience to be appointed to a juvenile case based upon the highest degree of charge in the case <p style="text-align: center;">AND</p> Requisite experience to be appointed to an adult case based upon the highest degree felony charged OR Co-counsel who meets the adult-case training and experience requirements must also be appointed
Juvenile cases involving murder and aggravated murder cases	Within two years prior to appointment, minimum 12 hours CLE in criminal practice and procedure, at least six of which must be in juvenile delinquency practice and procedure	At least three years of experience as attorney practicing in juvenile delinquency law <p style="text-align: center;">AND</p> Within 10 years preceding appointment, prior experience as lead trial counsel in at least three bench trials in juvenile court, at least two of which involved a felony-level charge

*CLE hours must be certified by the Ohio Supreme Court commission on continuing legal education.

** Attorneys appointed to represent indigent clients in felony cases must meet the applicable requirements. Where an attorney within ten years prior to the appointment successfully completed a trial training program, consisting of 30 hours of instruction or more, the training program will satisfy any requirement in OAC 120-1-10 to serve as: lead counsel in one criminal jury trial and lead counsel in one delinquency bench trial.