## DISTRICT COURT CIVIL CASE APPOINTMENTS UNDER CHAPTER 37 GOVERNMENT CODE

In counties with a population greater than 25,000, (Walker County), Chapter 37 of the Government Code provides a procedure for appointments made by the Court in civil cases to include Attorney Ad Litem, Guardian Ad Litem, Amicus and Mediator. The Court is to maintain appointment lists of qualified attorneys who register with the court. Those on the list will be appointed on a rotating basis, except for special circumstances.

The lists will be maintained by the Local Administrative Judge. To register for placement on one or more of the lists for Walker County, the Judges of the 12<sup>th</sup> and 278 Judicial District have established the following protocol:

1. An application for the Civil Case Appointment List must be filed with the Local Administrative Judge.

2. Applicant must have a physical presence within the counties of Walker, Grimes, Leon or Madison.

3. Certify that the Applicant meets the required qualifications for the appointment sought.

4. Be licensed by and in good standing with the State Bar of Texas.

5. Exhibit proficiency and a commitment to providing quality representation to clients in civil cases.

6. Notify the Local Administrative Judge if Applicant no longer meets the necessary qualifications.

7. Submit a claim for payment on the form provided by the Court.

8. Placement on the list requires an affirmative vote of a majority of the District Judges.

9. The Local Administrative Judge will maintain the lists and have the lists posted in the office of the District Clerk and on the website for the Court.

10. Someone on the list may be removed from a list by a majority vote of the District Judges.

11. Failure to perform the duties of the appointed position or to satisfy the requirements herein may result in removal.

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