

1 IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF ADAMS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

2 Administrative Order

3 Number 4 of 2022

4 In Re: Appointment of Counsel: Dependency Court

5 **ORDER OF COURT**

6 AND NOW, this 25<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2022, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Adams County  
7 Court Administrator's Office is directed to appoint counsel at the cost of the County of Adams for  
8 every parent or legal guardian who is a party to a dependency proceeding pending before the Court. The  
9 Court Administrator's Office is directed to develop procedure which provide for the appointment of  
10 counsel as designated herein prior to the commencement of the dependency adjudication hearing.

11 Court-appointed counsel shall be compensated at the rate applicable at the time service is  
12 rendered as established by this Court for all Court-appointed Counsel via separate Administrative  
13 Order. All Court-appointed counsel in dependency matters are encouraged to submit motion for  
14 payment to the Court on a quarterly basis. However, in all instances, Court-appointed counsel in  
15 dependency matters shall submit motion for payment in the calendar year the service was rendered.  
16 Failure to submit a motion for payment by January 7 of a given year for the work performed in the  
17 preceding year shall result in forfeiture of payment for services rendered.

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19 BY THE COURT,

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21 MICHAEL A. GEORGE

22 df President Judge

23 Board of Judges/Executive Assistants to the Board of Judges

24 Court Administration

25 Adams County Commissioners

1 Clerk of Courts

2 Sarah Finkey, Director, Children and Youth Services

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