

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	Minimum six hours CLE in juvenile delinquency practice and procedure OR Successful completion of clinical education program on juvenile law	In lieu of required training, one year experience as an attorney
Misdemeanor OVI	Minimum six hours CLE focused on OVI practice and procedure	
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 experience as attorney practicing in juvenile delinquency law
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' experience as attorney practicing in juvenile delinquency law AND Within 10 years preceding the appointment, prior experience as lead trial counsel in at least two bench trials in juvenile court, at least one of which involved a felony-level charge OR as lead counsel in one felony bench trial AND co-counsel in two additional bench trials
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 AND 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
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' experience as attorney practicing in juvenile delinquency law AND Within 10 years preceding appointment, prior experience as lead trial counsel in at least four bench trials in juvenile court, at least three of which involved a felony-level charge OR as lead counsel in three bench trials, two of which involved a felony-level charge AND as co-counsel in three additional bench trials

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