



Lake County  
Court of Common Pleas  
*Juvenile Division*

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Judge Karen Lawson

**REQUEST FOR COURT APPOINTED COUNSEL**

Your application to obtain court appointed counsel will be reviewed by the proper authority. They will consider your financial status as well as the type of issue to be addressed in Court.

Your financial qualification is determined based upon indigency guidelines established by the State.

The Court is only authorized and allowed to appoint attorneys to be paid at public expense for the following cases:

1. Delinquency cases in which your child is charged with committing a crime.
2. Unruly cases in which your child is charged with committing a status offense. Examples: Truancy, curfew, tobacco.
3. Cases in which a parent is accused of child abuse, child neglect, or it is claimed that the child is a dependent child. These cases are usually filed by the Department of Job and Family Services.
4. Cases which are filed pursuant to the Interstate Compact Law (Ohio Revised Code 2151.56-2151.61).
5. Contempt of Court. Cases in which you are charged with being in contempt of Court by the State of Ohio or by a state agency.
6. Criminal cases in which you are charged with a crime; such as contributing to the delinquency or unruliness of a child or for non-support.
7. Cases in which the State, or a state agency has filed a Writ of Habeas Corpus against you.

The Court cannot appoint an attorney to represent you in any other type of case including the following:

- A. Complaints to determine whether a parent-child relationship exists, formerly called paternity cases.
- B. Cases to determine or modify custody of, or visitation with children.
- C. Cases to determine, modify or enforce child support.
- D. Cases transferred to this Court from Domestic Relations Court.
- E. Any other civil case. A civil case is any case that does not include the possibility that you may be incarcerated.

THE COURT WILL NOT DENY YOU THE RIGHT TO APPLY FOR AN ATTORNEY. THERE IS, HOWEVER, A \$25.00 NON-REFUNDABLE FEE. IF YOUR CASE IS ONE OF THOSE LISTED IN A-E, IT IS PROBABLE THAT YOUR REQUEST WILL BE DENIED BUT YOUR RIGHT TO APPLY WILL NOT BE DENIED.

