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Clerk of the Court
Superior Court of California
County of Calaveras
By _____ Deputy

GENERAL ORDER NO. 25-04

SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CALAVERAS

JUVENILE COUNSEL COMPENSATION

WHEREAS, under Welfare and Institutions Code §§ 317 and 218, the Superior Court is required to appoint competent counsel for minors and parents or guardians in juvenile dependency proceedings when necessary to ensure due process and effective representation; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Government Code § 77003(c) and California Rules of Court, rule 5.660, the Court must establish fair and reasonable compensation for appointed counsel handling juvenile dependency matters outside of the scope of any standing contract for such services; and

WHEREAS, the Court recognizes the professional obligations and valuable services provided by attorneys who accept these court-appointed roles, often at rates below market standard, in furtherance of access to justice and protection of vulnerable populations; and

WHEREAS, the current rate of compensation for non-contract counsel in juvenile dependency matters is being updated to reflect administrative needs and the nature of services rendered.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

Effective July 1, 2024, counsel appointed by the Court to handle juvenile dependency matters outside the scope of the Juvenile Dependency/Juvenile Justice contract shall be compensated at a rate of $100.00 per hour.

1. Excluded from Compensation:
   This hourly rate does not include compensation for travel time or mileage. Reimbursement for other costs (e.g., postage, filing fees) will only be authorized upon submission of valid receipts and justification.

2. Billing Requirements:

   - Invoices must be submitted to the Court monthly, or at a minimum quarterly.
   - All invoices must include a completed declaration (Application for Order on Payment of Fees/Costs) and a detailed billing statement.
   - Each invoice must include the case name (minor's first name and last name initial only), case number, description and date of service, time expended, and cost of service.

3. Reimbursement for Other Costs:

   - All reimbursable expenses must be pre-approved by the Court and accompanied by paid receipts.
   - Costs that are not itemized or lack documentation may be denied.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DAVID M. SANDERS
Asst. Presiding Judge