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## STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR THE 55<sup>TH</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF INGHAM

Administrative Order 2005 - <sup>07</sup>~~06~~

Plan for Appointment of Counsel for Indigent Parties  
(Rescinds 2003 - 01)

**IT IS SO ORDERED:**

This administrative order is issued in accordance with MCR 8.123 effective August 1, 2005. The purpose of this order is to set forth the plan for the Court's Appointment of Counsel for Indigent Parties, upon approval of by the State Court Administrative Office.

**1. Selection Criteria and Procedure**

The court will select attorneys for the court on a yearly basis. A list will be maintained of attorneys who have submitted letters and resumes requesting court appointed contracts. If no attorneys, or no qualified attorneys are available, the court will solicit applications via notices in appropriate journals, papers or other publications.

Qualified attorneys must have demonstrated previous experience representing clients in criminal matters before a District Court and be a member in good standing of the State Bar of Michigan. Each judge shall review the resume, other credentials and references of the attorneys applying to determine their suitability for appointment.

Each judge of the court shall monitor the performance of appointed attorneys on a continuing basis to insure that defendants are being adequately represented. It is expected that attorneys will arrive on time, be prepared to defend their client, present an adequate and proper defense and be knowledgeable of the laws, court rules, facts and circumstances that pertain to each clients' case. If a judge feels that the above standards are not being met, the judge shall counsel the attorney and if the faults are not corrected, the attorney's contract shall be terminated.

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