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To whom it may concern:

Several investigative agencies have inquired regarding the possibility of interns with a Class CC license working on court-appointed or indigent for costs cases under the sponsorship of a person with a Class C or other appropriate license.

Upon review of the recommendations of the Indigent Services Advisory Board, there is nothing in those recommendations that suggests the Board envisioned the use of or rates for investigator interns with Class CC licenses. Similarly, the circuit Indigent Services Committees did not address the use of or rates for such interns in court-appointed and indigent for costs cases. Because the use of investigator interns was not envisioned by the Indigent Services Advisory Board or the Indigent Services Committees, specific prior court approval would be necessary before an investigator intern with a Class CC license performs work on any court-appointed or indigent for costs case.

The order authorizing utilization of investigator interns should specifically indicate that the trial court is authorizing services by an investigator intern (Class CC license) and indicate the rate at which the intern's services will be compensated. The rate will presumably be some fraction of the rate authorized for investigators with a Class C license.

Sincerely;

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