

**Notice to Court Appointed Attorneys Regarding Off-Registry Appointments -
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Any attorney who is not on the circuit registry but who receives an appointment from the court is responsible for ensuring that the Order of Appointment for the case indicates that:

- the defendant/client is indigent and eligible for court appointed counsel,
- no registry attorneys are available to be appointed to the case, and
- the court appoints the attorney although he or she is not on the circuit registry.

Section 27.40(7)(a) provides:

(7)(a) A private attorney appointed by the court from the registry to represent a client is entitled to payment as provided in s. 27.5304. An attorney appointed by the court who is not on the registry list may be compensated under s. 27.5304 if the court finds in the order of appointment that there were no registry attorneys available for representation for that case.

Payment for all court-appointed cases are subject to:

- statutory rates and requirements,
- Justice Administrative Commission contract, and
- JAC Policies and Procedures for Court-Appointed Counsel.

No payments will be made to an attorney who bills for a court-appointed case until the Justice Administrative Commission receives a signed contract from the attorney. Additionally, payment of due process service vendors is contingent upon a court-appointed attorney's signed contract.