



**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
JUDICIAL COUNCIL**

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AGENDA

Meeting Date and Time: Friday April 19, 2024, 3 P.M.

Location: New Hampshire Supreme Court
One Charles Doe Drive, Concord, New Hampshire

1. **Approval of Minutes**
2. **Introduction of Proposed Standards Relative to the Appointment of Children by Attorney Lisa Wolford, Executive Director of the Children’s Law Center of New Hampshire. See Attachment A.**
 - a. Discussion and consideration of whether to adopt the Proposed Standards Relative to the Appointment of Children.
3. **Discussion and consideration of whether to recommend increasing the reimbursement rate for assigned counsel and guardians ad litem under Rule 47, 48, and 48-A to \$100/hour for regular cases, and to \$135/hour for “major crimes” for counsel under Rule 47 and 48.**
4. **Discussion and consideration of whether to recommend to the Advisory Committee on Rules a proposed change regarding electronic signatures. See Attachment B.**
5. **Discussion and consideration of whether to recommend amending RSA 604-A:6 as follows (new text bolded):**

604-A:6-a Contract Services. – The state of New Hampshire, by the judicial council and with the approval of governor and council, may, within the limits of appropriations, contract with qualified firms or individuals in the state to provide stenographic, **translation, transportation, investigation, and psychological, psychiatric, and substance abuse evaluations** and clerical services where, pursuant to RSA 604-A:6, the defendant has been found to be eligible for such services. The executive director of the judicial council shall authorize payments to such individuals and firms as provided for under this section.

6. **New Business**
7. **Next Meeting Date**