



Announcement

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SOLICITATION FOR COURT APPOINTED MEDICAL EXAMINERS

The court is seeking qualified medical examiners to apply for the court approved list of providers for Juvenile Justice and Juvenile Dependency matters. Qualified applicants are encouraged to apply for inclusion on the list of medical experts who can complete evaluations for Juvenile Dependency and Juvenile Justice Matters.

Minimum Standards for Court Appointed Juvenile Dependency Expert: Family Code § 7827(c) sets forth the minimum qualifications an applicant must have to be appointed as an expert. The expert must be a physician and surgeon, certified either by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology or under Section 6750 of the Welfare and Institutions Code; or a licensed psychologist who has a doctoral degree in psychology and at least five years of postgraduate experience in the diagnosis and treatment of emotional and mental disorders.

Minimum Standards for Court Appointed Juvenile Justice Expert: Welfare & Institutions Code § 709(b) and California Rules of Court, rule 5.645(b), set forth the minimum qualifications an applicant must have to be appointed as an expert. The expert must be either:

1. Licensed psychiatrist who has successfully completed four years of medical school and either four years of general psychiatry residency, including one year of internship and two years of child and adolescent fellowship training; or three years of general psychiatry residency, including one year of internship and one year of residency that focus on children and adolescents and one year of child and adolescent fellowship training; or
2. Clinical, counseling, or school psychologist who has received a doctoral degree in psychology from an educational institution accredited by an organization recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation and who is licensed as a psychologist.

See Welfare & Institutions Code § 709(b)(2) and California Rules of Court, rule 5.645(b)(2) for additional requirements.

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