



Requests for Information (RFI)

for Court Appointed Expert Witness Services:

The Fifth Judicial Circuit Court is currently seeking expert witness services providers on an “as needed basis.”

Expert Witnesses must be willing to travel to five counties within in the Fifth Judicial Circuit which includes: Citrus, Hernando, Lake, Marion, & Sumter Counties.

All Expert Witnesses are hired as independent contractors which include: an adult competency evaluator, a juvenile competency evaluator, three guardianship examining committee members, and three development disabilities examining committee members. All Expert Witness candidates will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. Rate of pay is \$500 for each Adult Competency Evaluation, \$350 for each Juvenile Competency Evaluation, and \$350 for a licensed and qualified physician such as a Medical Degree (M.D.), Doctors of Osteopathic Medicine (D.O), one licensed and qualified psychologist (Ph. D), and \$250 for all other committee members based on their qualifications.

Persons interested in working as a contract expert witness on an as-needed basis should submit a resume, credentials, experience and the following information:

- A cover letter which includes what expert witness service your organization offers as a service deliverable

- Service deliverables for expert witness service types include:
 - Adult competency evaluators include a psychiatrist, licensed psychologist, or physician.
 - Juvenile competency evaluators include a psychiatrist, licensed psychologist, or physician.
 - Developmental Disability Examining Committee members must include at least one licensed and qualified physician such as a Medical Degree (M.D.), Doctors of Osteopathic Medicine (D.O), one licensed and qualified psychologist (Ph. D), and one qualified professional who, at a minimum, has a master's degree in social work, special education, or vocational rehabilitation counseling, to examine the person and to testify at the hearing on the involuntary admission to residential services.
 - Guardianship Examining Committee members must be one psychiatrist or other physician such as a Medical Degree (M.D.) or Doctors of Osteopathic Medicine (D.O). The remaining members must be either a psychologist PH.D, gerontologist, psychiatrist, or other physician such as a Medical Degree (M.D.), Doctors of Osteopathic Medicine (D.O), a registered nurse (RN), advanced registered nurse practitioner (ARNP), Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN), licensed social worker (LCSW), a person with an advanced degree in gerontology from an accredited institution of higher education, or other person who by knowledge, skill, experience, training, or education may, in the court's discretion, advise the court in the form of an expert opinion. Each person appointed to an examining committee must file an affidavit with the court stating that he or she has completed the required courses or will do so no later than 4 months after his or her initial appointment.
- Staff and/or subcontractors listing
- References
- Your price listing for each service deliverable type.

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For further information regarding the Expert Witness profession, please check out the following links:

<http://www.myflfamilies.com/service-programs/mental-health/forensic-evaluator-training-and-importance-appointing-approved-forensic-evaluators-experts>