

County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Resolution No. R2014-0005

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| Sponsored by: Councilmembers Simon, Gallagher and Miller on behalf of Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas | A Resolution approving a revised Assigned Counsel Fee Schedule for the Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas General Division and Eighth District Court of Appeals, effective 2/1/2014; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective. |
| Co-sponsored by: Councilmember Connally | |

WHEREAS, the Criminal Justice Supervisory Committee has studied the issue of assigned counsel fees and recommends that assigned counsel fees for the Common Pleas Court General Division and Eighth District Court of Appeals be increased; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Local Rule 33, Part II (B), assigned counsel shall receive compensation for professional services and shall be reimbursed for expenses in accordance with O.R.C. 2941.51. In all cases upon completion of the service, it shall be the duty of such assigned counsel to submit a completed affidavit and entry for assigned counsel fees. The trial Judge, after due consideration, shall determine the amount of compensation within the statutory limit in accordance with Assigned Counsel Fee Schedule, attached hereto as Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective in order that critical services provided by Cuyahoga County can continue and to provide for the usual, daily operation of a County entity.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO:

SECTION 1. The Cuyahoga County Council hereby approves the revised Assigned Counsel Fee Schedule for the Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas General Division and Eighth District Court of Appeals, attached hereto as Exhibit A, effective for assignments commencing February 1, 2014 and thereafter.

SECTION 2. It is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective for the usual daily operation of the County; the preservation of public peace, health, or safety in the County; and any additional reasons set forth in the preamble. Provided that this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of at least eight members of Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon the earliest occurrence of any of the following: (1) its approval by the County Executive through signature, (2) the expiration of the time during which it may be disapproved by the

County Executive under Section 3.10(6) of the Cuyahoga County Charter, or (3) its passage by at least eight members of Council after disapproval pursuant to Section 3.10(7) of the Cuyahoga County Charter. Otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

SECTION 3. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of the Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

On a motion by Ms. Simon, seconded by Mr. Miller, the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted.

Yeas: Conwell, Jones, Rogers, Simon, Greenspan, Miller, Brady, Germana, Gallagher, Schron and Connally

Nays: None

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First Reading/Referred to Committee: January 14, 2014
Committee(s) Assigned: Public Safety & Justice Affairs

Additional Sponsorship Requested on the Floor: January 14, 2014

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