

### **Minimum Qualifications and Standards**

To further the objectives of both the governing statute and CJD 04-08, commencing June 1, 2010, a CFI must certify to the appointing Court, by affidavit, as soon as practicable following acceptance of appointment, the following:

- 1.) That the CFI has read and will comply with the requirements of CJD 04-08.
- 2.) That the CFI has read and will comply with the 4<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Policy Regarding Appointment of CFIs.
- 3.) That the CFI has filed with the 4<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Judicial Administration Office proof of completion of a minimum of 40 hours of training in “relevant areas” as set forth in CJD 04-08. The relevant areas include the following:

- The effects of divorce, single parenting, and remarriage in children, adults, and families;
- Dynamics of high conflict divorce;
- Child development, including cognitive, personality, emotional and psychological development;
- Child and adult psychopathology;
- Family dynamics and dysfunction;
- Domestic violence;
- Substance abuse;
- Child abuse;
- Parenting capacity;
- Diversity issues;
- Available services for the child/ren and parties including medical, mental health, educational, and special needs;
- The legal standards applicable in each case in which the CFI is appointed;
- Interview techniques for interviewing child and others.

- 4.) That the CFI has completed no less than 15 hours of continuing education in “relevant areas” every three years since completing the initial minimum training and that proof of such training has been filed with 4<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Judicial Administration Office.

The Court shall insure receipt of such affidavit prior to acceptance of any report for use in it’s decision-making process.

While the Court may appoint any person who meets the minimum qualifications and standards set forth herein, it is generally preferable that a CFI possess at least a Master’s level degree in a mental health discipline or be supervised by a professional who possesses such credentials. complaints.