

*Supreme Court
State of Louisiana
Office of the Judicial Administrator
Division of Children and Families*

CHILD ATTORNEY QUALIFICATIONS FORM

Attorneys **shall complete** a minimum of six hours of approved continuing legal education **each calendar year**, and **shall submit** to the Supreme Court documentation of compliance **no later than January 31** of the following calendar year **to be prospectively qualified**. The requisite education shall include relevant law and jurisprudence, child development, child abuse and neglect, and the roles, responsibilities and duties of independent counsel for children, including the Standards for Representation of Children.

I, _____ (attorney name) do hereby submit the following qualifications for representation of children in child abuse and neglect cases under the administration of or as a conflict attorney for the following program:

- MHAS/CAP
- Southeast Louisiana Legal Services
- Acadiana Legal Services/Legal Services of North Louisiana

I am currently licensed to practice law in Louisiana and am in good standing with the Louisiana State Bar Association, and

I have read and understand the Supreme Court Rules For Cases Involving the Protection of Children, including the Standards of Practice, and hereby agree to abide by them in my representation of children in child abuse and neglect cases, and

(CHOOSE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING)

I am a new children's attorney and have completed in 2024 a minimum of six hours of continuing legal education relevant to child abuse and neglect cases, **as is evidenced by the attached documentation**, in order to begin representing children this year. I understand that I am required to complete an additional six hours of relevant education this year in order to be qualified to represent children next year, and that I must submit a new form and documentation of these hours before January 31.

I am a continuing children's attorney and have completed in 2024 a minimum of six hours of continuing legal education relevant to child abuse and neglect cases, **as is evidenced by the attached documentation**, in order to be qualified to represent children in 2025.

Date: _____

Attorney: _____

Address: _____

Bar number: _____

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Send to:

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