

APPOINTMENT CONTACTS

Knox County Juvenile Court (Division Street) – Appointments are commonly available for attorneys for a variety of issues, such as indigent litigants who are facing possible incarceration for violating a court order and losing custodial or parental rights of their children. The Judge and Judicial Magistrates are also in need of attorneys willing to accept appointments as a Guardian *ad litem* for the minor children that are the subject matter of the litigation. Attorneys are paid by the Administrative Office of the Courts and in some cases ordered to be paid by the litigants themselves. It is suggested that you introduce yourself to the Judge and each of his Judicial Magistrates as well as bring several business cards to leave with them to assure a spot on their appointment lists.

-Timothy E. Irwin, Judge
Secretary: 865-215-6475

-Michael W. Fortune, Magistrate
-Kay Kaserman, Magistrate
-Irene Joseph, Magistrate
-Dirk Weddington, Magistrate

*Tip – it is not uncommon for an emergency petition for a change of custody to be filed with the Knox County Juvenile Court (Division Street) on a daily basis. Physical presence in the courthouse and letting the magistrates know that you are available for appointments will oftentimes present you with the opportunity to get an appointment to represent an indigent respondent or serve as a Guardian *ad litem*.

Knox County Juvenile Court (Child Support Division) – Located downtown in the old courthouse, appointments are available to represent indigent litigants accused of not paying child support as ordered. Attorneys are paid by the Administrative Office of the Courts. It is suggested that you introduce yourself to each of the Judicial Magistrates and their secretaries as well as bring several business cards to leave with them to assure a spot on their appointment lists.

-Stanley C. Briggs, Magistrate
-Robin K. Gresham, Magistrate
-Michael F. Simpson, Magistrate

Phone: 865-215-2054

*Tip – Appointments are made on an almost daily basis in these courtrooms. Physical presence and informing the magistrates of your interest in receiving an appointment is very helpful as some of the magistrates often need attorneys to assist in presenting the respondents with an affidavit of indigence. This also provides a good opportunity to meet the client and explain what steps he or she needs to take before his or her next hearing to avoid the possibility of being found in contempt or even incarcerated.

Knox County Chancery Court – Appointments may become available for a variety of issues such as indigent litigants who are facing possible incarceration for violating a court order and termination of parental rights. The Chancellors are also in need of attorneys willing to accept appointments as a Guardian *ad litem* representing a ward in a conservatorship case or child in a custody or termination action. Attorneys are paid by the Administrative Office of the Courts and in some cases ordered to be paid by the litigants themselves. It is suggested that you contact each of the Chancellors' secretaries and bring them some business cards to assure a spot on their appointment lists.

-John F. Weaver, Part I

Secretary: Pam Jennings 865-215-2561

-Daryl R. Fansler, Part II

Secretary: Jennifer White 865-215-2560

-Michael W. Moyers, Part III

Secretary: Lisa Owens 865-215-2575

Knox County Fourth Circuit Court & Chancery Court Child Support Division – Located downtown in the old courthouse, appointments are available to represent indigent litigants accused of not paying child support as ordered. Attorneys are paid by the Administrative Office of the Courts. It is suggested that you introduce yourself to the Judicial Magistrate, her secretary, and her court officer as well as bring several business cards to leave with her to assure a spot on her appointment list.

-Brenda Lindsay-McDaniel, Magistrate

Secretary: Rachel Foster 865-215-2603

Court Office: Greg Lambert

Knox County General Sessions Court – Appointments may become available in any of the General Sessions Courts conducting hearings regarding criminal matters when the public defender has a conflict and is unable to represent the defendant. Attorneys are paid by the Administrative Office of the Courts. It is encouraged that attorneys seeking appointments introduce themselves to each judge and their secretary, Donna Corbitt, to assure a spot on their appointment list. Make sure to provide each of them with several business cards.

- Charles A. Cerny, Division I**
- Geoffrey P. Emery, Division II**
- Patricia H. Long, Division III**
- Andrew Jackson VI, Division IV**
- Tony Stansberry, Division V**

Secretary (for all): Donna Corbitt 865-215-2370

*Tip - Walk into the General Sessions courtrooms and ask the judge's clerk if any appointments are needed. Physical presence is extremely helpful in gaining appointments in General Sessions Court. Oftentimes a judge may need to appoint an attorney to represent a Defendant who has a hearing scheduled for the next day. By appointing an attorney who is physically present in the courtroom to represent the Defendant, the judge is reasonably aware that the attorney will be able to meet with the Defendant before the Defendant's next court appearance.

Knox County Fourth Circuit Court – Appointments are commonly available to represent both petitioners and respondents in order of protection matters. Judge Swann requests that all attorneys wishing to accept these appointments attend his order of protection orientation which is held at 8:00 a.m. each morning that order of protection court is in session. It is suggested that you introduce yourself to the judge and his secretary as well as bring several business cards to leave with him to assure a spot on his appointment list. Depending on the circumstances, attorneys may be paid by the Administrative Office of the Courts, the litigants themselves, or receive CLE credit.

-Bill Swann, Judge

Secretary: Rachel King 865-215-2399