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Hon. John M. Yackel
Sawyer County Circuit Court
10610 Main Street, Suite 244
Hayward, WI 54843

RE: Request for reimbursement of attorney fees paid by Sawyer County in the following Sawyer County cases:

In the Interest of N.Q.B., 18JV5
State v. Robert James Marshall II, 18CF237
State v. Jimmy Lee Dennis, 18CF208, 18CM46, 18CF70, 17CF343, 17CF255, 17CM25

Dear Judge Yackel:

I am writing in response to the court's request for reimbursement for attorney fees incurred by Sawyer County in the above cases. I know that the court has recently spoken with SPD Manager Ryan Reid about this issue, and I believe the court is aware that the SPD cannot reimburse Sawyer County for the attorney fees in these cases.

The SPD recognizes that there have been delays in the appointment of counsel for some clients. In spite of the significant shortage of attorneys available to represent SPD clients in many counties, there should be few instances in which the SPD is simply unable to find counsel for a client. If this situation occurs, or if the Court determines that there has been an unacceptable delay in the SPD appointment process, the SPD would appreciate the opportunity to share with the Court its efforts to find counsel for that individual before the Court appoints counsel.

Thank you for your patience as we work to address the shortage of attorneys available to represent SPD clients in Sawyer County. If you have any questions, I can be reached by phone at (608) 261-0633, by email at leede@opd.wi.gov, or at the mailing address above.

Sincerely,

Devon M. Lee
Legal Counsel

cc: Ryan Reid, Regional Attorney Manager

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