

## IN THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF IOWA

IN RE: ADMINISTRATION OF POLK  
COUNTY JUVENILE COURT AND  
FIFTH DISTRICT JUVENILE JUDGE  
DESIGNATION

AMENDED  
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDERS 2020-66

When the court was advised of the State Public Defender's change in designation regarding appointment of counsel in Polk County (effective October 1, 2021), it attempted to incorporate those changes into the existing administrative orders regarding the administration of Polk County juvenile court. In doing so, not all of the intended changes were incorporated. In order to provide greater clarity and to conform to the change in designation, additional provisions are being included in the affected administrative order (2020-66).

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED** that paragraph 10 of Administrative Orders 2020-66 are amended to add the following language:

e. Miscellaneous provisions.

1. The Des Moines Juvenile Public Defender office may continue to withdraw from any case based upon conflict or case overload.
2. The Des Moines Juvenile Public Defender office may withdraw directly to the Youth Law Center or Middleton Center for Children's Rights in a delinquency proceeding if not already a party to the proceeding,
3. In a CINA or TPR, the Des Moines Juvenile Public Defender office may withdraw directly to the Youth Law Center if the parent is age 25 years or younger.
4. The protocol for appointment outlined in this order is not applicable to any appointments made pursuant to currently existing juvenile specialty courts in Polk County; the prior appointment process for these courts shall continue.
5. The protocol for appointment outlined in this order shall not affect any appointment prior to October 1, 2021.

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6. The Middleton Center for Children's Rights may contact the court periodically to request additional appointments. When such a request is made, it should be given preference to satisfy that request.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the remainder of Administrative Order 2020-66 (as previously amended) shall remain in full force and effect.

Dated this 13<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2021.



MICHAEL D. HUPPERT, CHIEF JUDGE  
FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF IOWA

**Copies to:**

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Juvenile Public Defender's Office, Matt Sheeley  
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