

RULE JV 1. Assignment of Juvenile Cases

1. All judges in the Juvenile Division shall be assigned JDL, JD and JT cases with the Chief Judge in the Juvenile Division, if necessary and for good cause shown, receiving a lesser percentage of the newly-filed cases than the Special Judges. Said percentages of assigned cases shall be determined by administrative order issued by the Presiding Judge.

2. JS cases shall be assigned randomly and equally to the Special Judges in the Juvenile Division.

3. The Chief Judge shall transfer the assignment of a newly-filed petition to the specific judge with whom the child, who is the subject of the petition, is currently a ward of that court.

RULE JV 2. Referrals from Family Division

Before referring a case from the Family Division to the Juvenile Division pursuant to 10 O.S. § 7002-1.2, the referring Judge shall notify the Chief Judge of the Juvenile Division. The case will be set for review in the Juvenile Division, and the Juvenile Judge hearing the case shall report the results of the investigation to the original Family Division Judge.

RULE JV 3. Confidentiality in Juvenile Cases

- 1 News media and judges should work together with confidence in and respect for each other;
- 2 News media are welcome to attend Juvenile Court sessions but should not disclose names or identifying data of participants unless authorized by the court;
- 3 Names may be used if alleged juvenile offenders are remanded for criminal prosecution in an adult criminal court;
- 4 Responsibility for developing public interest and understanding of the child, the community, and the Court must be shared by the Judge and the news media;
- 5 Official records may be inspected only with the assigned Judge's consent unless prohibited by statute;
- 6 Confidential reports are not open to inspection except at the express order of the assigned Judge;
- 7 The assigned Judge, in the exercise of discretion, may release the name or other identifying information of a juvenile offender;
- 8 Statutory and ethical rules concerning the release of information in juvenile proceedings should be followed [10 O.S. §§ 7005-1.1 et seq.];
- 9 If an alleged act of delinquency is publicized, the news media may be informed of the final disposition of the case;
- 10 News media should bear in mind that a juvenile matter may ultimately be handled as a criminal case;
- 11 News media should recognize its responsibility to report events in a general manner without disclosing names or addresses where some matters are of sufficient public interest and could serve as a deterrent to others. [Okla. Publ. Co. v. District Court, 555 P.2d 1286 (Okla. 1976).]

RULE JV 4. Compensation for Court-Appointed Attorneys

1. Compensation for court-appointed attorneys for the legal representation of any party in any juvenile proceeding shall be as follows:
 - a. \$80 per hour for jury, non-jury trials and contested hearings in which formal evidence is presented;
 - b. \$60 per hour for time out-of-court and for in-court non-contested adjudication hearings, disposition hearings, disposition review and permanency hearings.

2. Compensation shall not exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000) unless, upon a showing made for the necessity in an extraordinary case, the Chief Judge and the Presiding Judge of the 14th Judicial District determines that the compensation should exceed that amount.

3. The Chief Judge may make special assignments when necessary for good cause shown.

RULE JV 5. Uncontested and Contested Adoption and Guardianship Matters

The judge presiding over a deprived action shall also have subject matter jurisdiction and shall be assigned to hear and finalize the adoption or guardianship of the child that is the subject of the deprived action.

RULE JV 6. Application of Tulsa County Juvenile Division Policies and Procedures

Effective January 1, 2019, Tulsa County Juvenile Division Policies and Procedures will be applicable to all policy, practice, and procedure for Tulsa County Juvenile Court. They are incorporated into these Tulsa County District Court Local Rules and are applicable to all Juvenile Court cases. The Tulsa County Juvenile Division Policies and Procedures may be found at www.tulsacountydistrictcourt.org.