

SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT > EXPERT INFORMATION SHEET

Adult Competency Evaluations, Developmental Disabilities Evaluations, Determination of Intellectual Disability as a Bar to Execution Evaluations, and Juvenile Competency Evaluations

- All experts who provide services under contract with the Sixth Circuit must be a licensed physician, psychiatrist, or psychologist in good standing with the State of Florida, Department of Health.
- Each court appointed mental health expert selected to serve must enter a contract with the Court. Contracts are effective during the period between April 1 and March 31, with the possibility of renewals for up to three years.
- Compensation for expert services is paid by the State of Florida at the rates set by the Court. The rates may be found in Sixth Administrative Order No. 2015-068.
- All expert services must be provided in accordance with the Florida Rules of Court; the Code of Judicial Conduct; the Rules of Criminal of Procedure; Sixth Judicial Circuit Administrative Order Nos. 2013-072 and 2015-068; and any other subsequent or applicable rule, law, or Administrative Order.
- **Adult Competency or Juvenile Competency** evaluations must have satisfactorily completed the required forensic training approved by the Department of Children and Family Services. Information on training for Adult Competency may be found at: <http://fet.fmhi.usf.edu/> . Information on training for Juvenile Competency may be found at: <http://www.myflfamilies.com/service-programs/mental-health/forensic-evaluator-training-and-importance-appointing-approved-forensic-evaluators-experts>.
- **Developmental Disability or Determination of Intellectual Disabilities as a Bar to Execution** evaluations must be found qualified by the Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD). Information on becoming qualified may be found at APD's website, <http://apd.myflorida.com/>, or by contacting the Suncoast Field Office (Field 23) in Tampa.
- **Other Resources:** Sections 916.115, 916.301 – 916.304, 921.137, and 985.19 Florida Statutes, Rule of Criminal Procedure 3.203, and Rule of Juvenile Procedure 8.095.
- To apply, complete and submit the Expert Application* found on our website at <http://www.jud6.org/LegalCommunity/CourtContractedServices.html>, along with copy of your Résumé to the Court Counsel's Office at SixthCircuitContracts@jud6.org.

****THE COURT IS NOT CURRENTLY SOLICITING FOR EXPERTS.
IF THE SITUATION CHANGES A NOTICE OF A SOLICITATION WILL
BE POSTED ON THE COURTS WEBSITE.****