

CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

THIS CONTRACT for Professional Services is entered into between the Champaign County Circuit Court (hereafter COURT) and Cheri Kesler (hereafter KESLER).

KESLER agrees to provide professional services as an attorney for certain indigent respondents in abuse and neglect cases at the trial level only, no appellate work.

KESLER agrees to provide appropriate legal representation of respondents in abuse and neglect cases by appointment. KESLER will take approximately one-half of cases presently assigned to Assistant Public Defender Andrea Bergstrom and set in the morning, to be determined by the Public Defender. KESLER will make herself available, as necessary, to appear at shelter care hearings to represent respondents that would have been appointed to Ms. Bergstrom. Unless this contract is extended and/or modified, the cases would be returned to the Public Defender at the end of the contract.

Although working pursuant to this contract with the Court, KESLER will receive direction from the Public Defender such as which cases will be assigned, providing discovery, etc. The Public Defender may provide office space within their office for KESLER'S use during this contract.

KESLER shall be an independent contractor under this agreement and not a State or County employee. All expenses in connection with the professional services provided shall be borne by KESLER unless otherwise ordered by the COURT.


Champaign County will pay KESLER the sum of \$ 4,500 per month for three months, commencing on Nov. 10, 2023, and ending Feb. 9, 2023. Payment shall be made in three equal monthly installments commencing in November 2022. The Public Defender will be responsible for the payments. The compensation specified above shall be full and complete compensation for

all representation by KESLER during the term of this agreement.

The term of this contract is from the date of its signing by both parties through February 9, 2023.


Cheri Kesler

11/4/22
date


Randall B Rosenbaum
Presiding Judge

11-7-22
date