

Appointment of CFIs Upon Determination of Indigency

Pursuant to Chief Justice Directive 04-05, the Court may appoint a CFI at state expense in cases in which the Parties are indigent. The fiscal standards for determination of indigency are set forth in Attachment A to the Directive, and, in Pre-Decree circumstances, the combined assets of both Parties are used to determine indigence. To assist in the appointment of a qualified CFI in these cases, the Judicial Administrator shall maintain a list of persons qualified to accept such appointments. To be qualified, a CFI must have on file in the Judicial Administrator's Office a current affidavit which meets the requirements set forth above for acceptance of appointment in a specific case. The Affidavit of Compliance must be filed annually not later than the anniversary date of the initial filing. The initial list established by the Judicial Administrator shall be compiled with input from the District's Domestic Bench and after prospective CFIs have been notified of the requirements set forth herein. Any CFI who fails to maintain a current affidavit on file shall be summarily deleted from the list. It shall be proper for the Judicial Administrator's Office to contact a CFI whose affidavit is outdated, but there shall be no requirement to do so. Further, the Judicial Administrator may, after consultation with the Presiding Domestic Relations Judge, remove a CFI from the list for any reason deemed appropriate including information obtained from complaints.