

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA**



**INITIAL APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT AS COUNSEL FOR MINOR CHILDREN
IN FAMILY COURT CASES**

Name

Phone Number

Business Address

E-mail

Year Admitted to CA Bar

CA State Bar Number

1. California Rule of Court 5.242 requires certain minimum qualifications before the Court can appoint a lawyer to represent a child in family law proceedings. Please attach to this application a Judicial Council form FL-322 completed except for question #2 and signed.
2. If you have been appointed as counsel for a minor in a family law proceeding, please state the total number of such appointments: _____
How many such appointments are currently pending? _____
3. Please specify any languages other than English you speak well enough to communicate effectively with minor(s) and parents.
4. Do you have other particular skills, training, interests, or preferences (e.g., age, gender, family ethnicity, educational or medical issues)?
5. With respect to the twelve hours of education and training referenced in question #5 on FL-322, state the number of hours of study completed in each of the following areas:
 - A. Statutes, rules of court and case law related to child custody and visitation litigation.
Hours completed _____
Year(s) in which study completed _____
 - B. Representation of a child in custody and visitation proceedings.
Hours completed _____
Year(s) in which study completed _____
 - C. Special issues in representing a child, including:
 1. Various stages of child development;
Hours completed _____
Year(s) in which study completed _____

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2. Communicating with a child at various developmental stages and presenting the child's view;
Hours completed _____
Year(s) in which study completed _____
3. Recognizing, evaluating and understanding evidence of child abuse and neglect, family violence and substance abuse, cultural and ethnic diversity, and gender specific issues;
Hours completed _____
Year(s) in which study completed _____
4. The effects of domestic violence and child abuse and neglect on children;
Hours completed _____
Year(s) in which study completed _____
5. How to work effectively with multidisciplinary experts.
Hours completed _____
Year(s) in which study completed _____

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Date:

Signature