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TO: Attorneys Practicing in Branch County
FROM: Judge Kashian
DATE: October 23, 2019
RE: Juvenile Defender Contract

Please be advised that the present Juvenile Defender Contract expires at the end of this year. If you are interested in providing contract services commencing in the year 2020, please submit a written proposal to us, on or before 5:00 P.M., on Monday, November 18, 2019.

As you are aware, the Juvenile Court is responsible for providing representation to juveniles as well their indigent parents if they so request. Also, the Probate Court is responsible for appointing attorneys to those persons coming under the provisions of the Mental Health Code, and among other things, the Guardianship / Conservator statutes.

The court rules and statutes governing these types of proceedings provide for almost immediate access to, and representation by, an attorney. Consequently, the Court is often under strict time constraints in scheduling these matters. Your proposal should reflect that representation under this contract would be on a priority basis.

Should you have any questions regarding either the requirements or extent of representation required under this contract, please feel free to inquire prior to submitting a written proposal.