

On October 1, 2014, the following sliding fee scale takes effect for counsel or a guardian ad litem appointed in a family relations matter pursuant to Public Act 14-3.

DIVISION OF PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICES FEE SCALE

Parents' Combined Gross Income	Appointed AMC/GAL Hourly Rate
\$00.00 - \$39,062.00	State paid*

* Currently the state pays the GAL/AMC a flat fee of \$500, plus \$50/hour for hourly billing events approved by the Division of Public Defender Services contract.

JUDICIAL BRANCH SLIDING FEE SCALE

Parents' Combined Gross Income*	Appointed AMC/GAL Hourly Rate
\$39,062.01 - \$50,000.00	\$75/hr. - \$100/hr.
\$50,000.01 - \$70,000.00	\$100/hr. - \$150/hr.
\$70,000.01 - \$100,000.00	\$150/hr. - \$225/hr.

*The sliding fee scale is based upon the combined gross income of the parents and assumes one child. The scale is only applicable to cases where the combined gross income of the parents is \$100,000 or less.

In addition to considering the parents' gross income, the court may also consider other factors to determine whether application of the scale is appropriate and at what level, including:

1. All other information set forth on the parents' financial affidavits;
2. Total number of dependent children;
3. The hourly rate charged by the parties' own lawyers;
4. The complexity of the issues before the court;
5. The gross income and other information on the financial affidavit of any intervening party or third party applicant;
6. Source(s) of additional household income, including funding source for current litigation.