

STANDARD DEFINITION OF "CASE ASSIGNMENT-JUVENILE MATTERS"

A "case assignment" in juvenile matters, which are informally adjusted involve all the pending allegations concerning the juvenile, whether or not the allegations pertain to events occurring on the same or different dates.

A "case assignment" in juvenile court for a Child in Need of Protection, includes all stages of representation from shelter care through any subsequently filed petition and includes all allegations brought in a single petition or contemporaneously filed petitions alleging that a child or related children are in need of protection, whether or not the allegations pertain to events occurring on the same or different dates.

A "case assignment" in a termination of parental rights matter includes all allegations brought in a single petition or contemporaneously filed petitions seeking to terminate the parental rights of a parent or parents with respect to the parent's or parents' child or children.

A "case assignment" in juvenile delinquency matters, when representing a child, includes all allegations against one juvenile that arise out of a single event, transaction, or occurrence. For example, it would be one "case assignment" if a juvenile has criminal trespass and theft allegations arising from the same incident.

A “case assignment” in a juvenile delinquency matter, when representing a parent, is only for the dispositional stage of a delinquency action. If a parent wishes to be represented by counsel, they must apply for counsel and be found indigent. For example, an attorney appointed to represent a parent at a detention hearing would count as one case assignment even if there are multiple case assignments for child’s counsel.

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