

Attorney Qualifications for County Reimbursement, Felony Cases

Pursuant to Ohio Administrative Code section 120-1-10, appointed counsel must meet these requirements in order to qualify for state reimbursement.
The state public defender may refuse to reimburse the county for cases on which appointed counsel do not meet these requirements.

Felonies	Training*	Experience
4th and 5th degree	Within two years prior to appointment, minimum 12 hours CLE in criminal practice and procedure	At least one year of experience in criminal law
3rd degree	Within two years prior to appointment, minimum 12 hours CLE in criminal practice and procedure	At least one year of experience in criminal law AND Within six years preceding appointment, experience as lead trial counsel in at least one criminal jury trial OR as co-counsel in at least two jury trials
1st and 2nd degree, aggravated murder without death penalty specifications, and murder	Within two years prior to appointment, minimum 12 hours CLE in criminal practice and procedure	At least three years of experience in criminal law AND Within 10 years preceding appointment, experience as lead trial counsel in two criminal jury trials, at least one of which involved felony charges OR as lead counsel in one felony jury trial and as co-counsel in two additional jury trials
Life-sentence cases**	Within two years prior to appointment, minimum 12 hours CLE in criminal practice and procedure	At least five years of experience in criminal law AND Within 10 years preceding appointment, experience as lead trial counsel in five felony jury trials, at least three of which involved felony charges of the 1st or 2nd degree OR as lead counsel in three jury trials, at least one of which was a 3rd degree felony and as co-counsel in five additional jury trials, at least three of which were 1st or 2nd degree felonies
Felony OVI	Within two years prior to appointment, minimum 12 hours CLE in criminal practice and procedure at least six of which must be focused on OVI practice and procedure	

*CLE hours must be certified by the Ohio Supreme Court commission on continuing legal education.

**Any case where the defendant is charged with any felony that carries a potential sentence of life imprisonment, whether eligible or ineligible for parole