

Attorney Qualifications for County Reimbursement, Appeals - Adults

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.

Adult cases	Training*	Experience**
Misdemeanors, 4th and 5th degree felonies	Minimum six hours CLE in criminal or appellate practice and procedure OR Successful completion of clinical education program focusing on appellate practice	In lieu of required training, at least one year of experience as an attorney
3rd degree felonies	Within two years prior to appointment, minimum 12 hours CLE in criminal practice and procedure, at least six of which must be in appellate practice	At least one year of experience as attorney practicing in appellate law AND Within six years preceding appointment, filed appeals in three cases resolved by plea OR one appeal of a case resolved by trial
1st and 2nd degree felonies	Within two years prior to appointment, minimum 12 hours CLE in criminal practice and procedure, at least six of which must be in appellate practice	At least two years of experience as attorney practicing in appellate law AND Within 10 years preceding appointment, filed appeals in three cases resolved by trial
Cumulative sentences of 25 years or more (whether eligible or ineligible for parole)	Within two years prior to appointment, minimum 12 hours CLE in criminal practice and procedure, at least six of which must be in appellate practice	At least five years of experience as an attorney practicing in appellate law AND Within 10 years preceding the appointment, filed appeals in five cases resolved by trial

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

**A case in which an *Anders* brief was filed may not be counted as prior experience.