

ALABAMA RULES OF JUVENILE PROCEDURE

Rule 6.

Volunteers in juvenile court.

Prospective volunteers must complete human-resources forms provided by the Human Resources Division of the Administrative Office of Courts. The presiding juvenile court judge for each county may appoint one or more of those volunteers, who shall serve without compensation upon conditions and for such purposes as the judge may prescribe in a written order of appointment. The original written order of appointment shall be maintained in the office of the presiding juvenile court judge in the county in which the order is issued. A copy of the written order shall be sent to and maintained by the Administrative Office of Courts. Volunteers may not begin work until all the requisite human-resources forms have been completed and an appointment order has been signed.

A person appointed by a juvenile court to serve as a volunteer juvenile probation officer must meet the minimum qualifications of a juvenile probation officer and must have attended and completed the required training for a juvenile probation officer as provided in the Alabama Standards for Certification of Juvenile Probation Officers established pursuant to Ala. Code 1975, § 12-5A-2(a).

The county governing body may reimburse these juvenile court volunteers for reasonable and necessary expenses incurred in connection with their appointment. Volunteers are subject to the same confidentiality provisions as are other court officials and employees.

[Amended 7-14-2011, eff. 10-1-2011; Amended 5-1-2014, eff. 7-1-2014.]

Comment to Amendment to Rule 6 Effective October 1, 2011

This rule was amended to authorize the appointment of volunteers in the juvenile court. See also Rule 15.1 of these Rules concerning volunteers appointed to serve on Juvenile Conference Committees.

Comment to Amendment to Rule 6 Effective July 1, 2014

Rule 6 was amended to provide that volunteers in juvenile court must comply with certain Unified Judicial System personnel requirements before they can be appointed. Rule 6 as amended also provides that the original and copies

of the written order of a volunteer's appointment should be maintained and where they should be maintained.

If a person wishes to serve as a volunteer juvenile probation officer, he or she must follow all the same standards as paid juvenile probation officers, including attending training.

Note from the reporter of decisions: The order amending effective October 1, 2011, Rule 1, Rule 2, Rule 3, Rule 5, Rule 6, Rule 8, Rule 9, Rule 12, Rule 13, Rule 14, Rule 15, Rule 15.1, Rule 17, Rule 18, Rule 20, Rule 23, Rule 24, Rule 25, Rule 26, Rule 28, and Rule 31 and adopting effective October 1, 2011, Rule 8.1 and the Comment to Amendment to Rule 1 Effective October 1, 2011; the Comment to Amendment to Rule 2 Effective October 1, 2011; the Comment to Amendment to Rule 3 Effective October 1, 2011; the Comment to Amendment to Rule 5 Effective October 1, 2011; the Comment to Amendment to Rule 6 Effective October 1, 2011; the Comment to Amendment to Rule 8 Effective October 1, 2011; the Comment to Adoption of Rule 8.1 Effective October 1, 2011; the Comment to Amendment to Rule 9 Effective October 1, 2011; the Comment to Amendment to Rule 12 Effective October 1, 2011; the Comment to Amendment to Rule 13 Effective October 1, 2011; the Comment to Amendment to Rule 14 Effective October 1, 2011; the Comment to Amendment to Rule 15 Effective October 1, 2011; the Comment to Amendment to Rule 15.1 Effective October 1, 2011; the Comment to Amendment to Rule 17 Effective October 1, 2011; the Comment to Amendment to Rule 18 Effective October 1, 2011; the Comment to Amendment to Rule 20 Effective October 1, 2011; the Comment to Amendment to Rule 23 Effective October 1, 2011; the Comment to Amendment to Rule 24 Effective October 1, 2011; the Comment to Amendment to Rule 25 Effective October 1, 2011; the Comment to Amendment to Rule 26 Effective October 1, 2011; the Comment to Amendment to Rule 28 Effective October 1, 2011; and the Comment to Amendment to Rule 31 Effective October 1, 2011, is published in that volume of *Alabama Reporter* that contains Alabama cases from ____ So. 3d.

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