

SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON
COUNTY OF CLARK

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO REQUEST AN ATTORNEY

To the Parent:

You are receiving this letter because **a third party has filed an action requesting guardianship of your minor child**. You **have a right to a lawyer** under RCW 11.130.200 if the following circumstances apply to you:

- You **appear** in this action.
- You **cannot afford a lawyer** because you are indigent as defined by RCW 10.101.010(3) **and** one or more of the following is true:
 - o (1) **you object** to the appointment of a guardian for your minor child
 - o (2) the **Court determines that you need an attorney** to make sure you are making an informed decision about this action.
 - o (3) The Court may determine that you need an attorney for **any other reason**.

Even if you can afford a lawyer (in other words, you are not indigent as defined by RCW 10.101.010(3)), **you may still request that a lawyer be appointed** to represent you **if you object** to the appointment of a guardian for your minor child **or** there is a **good reason** for the Court to appoint an attorney to represent you.

If you are asking that the Court appoint an attorney to represent you, **you must file a “Motion to Appoint Lawyer” and a “Financial Statement”** (the second form is only needed if you are claiming that you cannot afford a lawyer).

The request to appoint a lawyer can be made prior to your scheduled hearing **by submitting your Motion and Financial Statement to the Clerk’s Office before 11:00 A.M. Monday through Friday**. The Ex Parte judge will review your request and decide whether you qualify for a discretionary appointment of a lawyer. In the alternative, you may file this Motion and request that the assigned judicial officer make that decision at your first scheduled hearing.