

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE CHEROKEE NATION

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CHEROKEE NATION
SUPREME COURT
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IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPENSATION OF)
COURT APPOINTED ATTORNEYS IN THE COURTS)
OF THE CHEROKEE NATION)

ORDER CONCERNING COMPENSATION
OF COURT APPOINTED ATTORNEYS

WHEREAS members of the Cherokee Nation Bar Association are court appointed to represent children and indigent individuals in criminal and civil matters in the Cherokee Nation District Court, and

WHEREAS the current rate of compensation for said court appointed attorneys has been at the rate of fifty (\$50.00) dollars per hour since 1991; and

WHEREAS, the Justices of the Cherokee Nation Supreme Court feel that attorneys court appointed in the Cherokee Nation Courts should be compensated at a rate comparable to the rate paid to court appointed attorneys practicing in the tribal courts of neighboring tribes;

THEREFORE the Justices of the Cherokee Nation Supreme Court, enter the following order:

Effective immediately, attorneys appointed to represent indigent defendants, respondents, and children in the Cherokee Nation Courts shall be compensated at the rate of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) per hour. Pursuant to Rule 91 of the Court Rules for the District Court of the Cherokee Nation, said compensation shall be paid from the court fund currently used to defray expenses of attorney fees for indigents in the Trial Court and on appeal.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 16th day of July, 2015.

Troy Wayne Potere, Chief Justice
Cherokee Nation Supreme Court