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SUBJECT: Payments for the Circuit Court Support and Guardian Ad Litem Payment Programs

Using the information reported on the 2014 annual report of actual costs submitted by May 15th to the Director of State Court's Office, we have calculated the payments that are due to counties on July 1, 2015. Following is a description of the two payment programs administered by this office and the payments each county can expect for state fiscal year (SFY) 2015-2016 (July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016).

Circuit Court Support Payment Program

During SFY 2015-2016, \$18,552,200 is available for payments to counties under the Circuit Court Support Payment Program. The calculation of a county's circuit court support payment is based on the following statutory factors under s. 758.19(5)(b), Wis. Stats.:

- (1) \$42,275 for each circuit court branch in the county (counties which share branches receive a proportional share of this amount based on judicial weighted caseload);
- (2) \$10,000 for each county with one or less circuit court branch; and
- (3) The remaining available funds are apportioned to the counties with more than one circuit court branch based on population.

The attachment lists the two payments (July 1 and January 1) counties can expect under this program during SFY 2015-2016.

Guardian Ad Litem Payment Program

In addition to the circuit court support payment, counties also can expect payments to offset costs related to guardian ad litem (GAL) services, under s. 758.19(6)(c)2., Wis. Stats. During SFY 2015-2016, \$4,691,100 is available for distribution to counties proportionately based on:

- (1) Number of court branches;
- (2) Revenue generated by the circuit court support surcharge; and
- (3) The number of cases that would likely involve GAL services (case filings under Chapters 48, 55, 767, 880, and 938).

In addition, s. 758.19(6)(e), Wis. Stats. provides that a county's annual GAL payment may not exceed the total cost of GAL compensation that the county incurred and reported to the Director of State Courts for the previous calendar year. Any money not paid to a county as a result of this statutory limitation must be redistributed to other qualifying counties on a prorated basis. Using calendar year 2014 revenue and expenditure information and relevant case filings, the attachment lists the July 1, 2015 payment each county can expect under this program.

If you have any questions, please contact Brian Lamprech at (608) 266-6865 or at brian.lamprech@wicourts.gov.

Attachment

cc: Supreme Court Justices
District Court Administrators

County	FY 2015 – 16 Circuit Court Support Payment		Guardian Ad Litem July 2015 Payment	County	FY 2015 – 16 Circuit Court Support Payment		Guardian Ad Litem July 2015 Payment
	July 2015 Payment	January 2016 Payment			July 2015 Payment	January 2016 Payment	
Adams	\$26,138	\$26,137	\$20,853	Marathon	\$206,931	\$206,931	\$97,502
Ashland	\$26,138	\$26,137	\$17,591	Marinette	\$73,523	\$73,522	\$33,559
Barron	\$97,976	\$97,975	\$47,247	Marquette	\$26,138	\$26,137	\$15,930
Bayfield	\$26,138	\$26,137	\$15,468	Menominee	\$5,429	\$5,429	\$0
Brown	\$359,232	\$359,232	\$172,862	Milwaukee	\$1,706,763	\$1,706,763	\$915,500
Buffalo	\$19,732	\$19,731	\$11,385	Monroe	\$97,464	\$97,464	\$46,417
Burnett	\$26,138	\$26,137	\$17,992	Oconto	\$70,826	\$70,825	\$31,422
Calumet	\$26,138	\$26,137	\$25,570	Oneida	\$69,375	\$69,374	\$37,071
Chippewa	\$110,757	\$110,757	\$55,478	Outagamie	\$283,168	\$283,167	\$133,482
Clark	\$26,138	\$26,137	\$24,344	Ozaukee	\$128,841	\$128,840	\$50,980
Columbia	\$106,068	\$106,068	\$59,177	Pepin	\$11,406	\$11,406	\$5,218
Crawford	\$26,138	\$26,137	\$15,991	Pierce	\$26,138	\$26,137	\$21,110
Dane	\$736,552	\$736,551	\$319,656	Polk	\$75,499	\$75,499	\$36,892
Dodge	\$151,546	\$151,545	\$76,367	Portage	\$116,648	\$116,648	\$54,965
Door	\$63,287	\$63,286	\$29,882	Price	\$26,138	\$26,137	\$15,222
Douglas	\$75,469	\$75,468	\$39,756	Racine	\$358,176	\$358,175	\$203,953
Dunn	\$75,259	\$75,258	\$48,547	Richland	\$26,138	\$26,137	\$16,914
Eau Claire	\$181,151	\$181,150	\$97,354	Rock	\$268,208	\$268,208	\$143,510
Florence	\$9,761	\$9,760	\$4,138	Rusk	\$26,138	\$26,137	\$14,343
Fond Du Lac	\$182,613	\$182,612	\$98,470	Sauk	\$110,047	\$110,046	\$60,611
Forest	\$21,377	\$21,377	\$11,159	Sawyer	\$26,138	\$26,137	\$15,217
Grant	\$81,783	\$81,782	\$39,917	Shawano	\$73,284	\$73,284	\$37,543
Green	\$69,930	\$69,930	\$32,444	Sheboygan	\$192,330	\$192,329	\$87,382
Green Lake	\$26,138	\$26,137	\$17,597	St. Croix	\$148,941	\$148,941	\$60,221
Iowa	\$26,138	\$26,137	\$18,355	Taylor	\$26,138	\$26,137	\$16,295
Iron	\$26,138	\$26,137	\$10,122	Trempealeau	\$26,138	\$26,137	\$24,885
Jackson	\$26,138	\$26,137	\$24,953	Vernon	\$26,138	\$26,137	\$18,551
Jefferson	\$147,619	\$147,618	\$70,520	Vilas	\$26,138	\$26,137	\$9,892
Juneau	\$62,504	\$62,503	\$37,641	Walworth	\$161,786	\$161,785	\$76,834
Kenosha	\$294,719	\$294,718	\$159,878	Washburn	\$26,138	\$26,137	\$17,126
Kewaunee	\$26,138	\$26,137	\$14,547	Washington	\$184,493	\$184,492	\$75,547
La Crosse	\$193,365	\$193,364	\$85,684	Waukesha	\$548,632	\$548,632	\$203,462
Lafayette	\$26,138	\$26,137	\$15,812	Waupaca	\$102,794	\$102,793	\$50,202
Langlade	\$26,138	\$26,137	\$18,873	Waushara	\$26,138	\$26,137	\$21,323
Lincoln	\$63,917	\$63,917	\$28,443	Winnebago	\$253,163	\$253,163	\$135,964
Manitowoc	\$124,488	\$124,487	\$63,179	Wood	\$119,707	\$119,706	\$58,803