

TITLE 6: CRIMES AND CRIMINAL PROCEDURE
DIVISION 5: JUVENILE JUSTICE

§ 5135. Appointment of Counsel – Payment of Cost of Legal Services.

As early as possible in the proceedings, and in any event before the hearing of the petition on the merits, the juvenile and his parents, or guardian, shall be notified of the juvenile's right to representation by counsel. When it appears to the court that the juvenile or his parents or guardian desire counsel for the juvenile but are financially unable to pay for such legal services, the court shall appoint counsel to represent the juvenile. In the event of proceedings against the parents or guardian arising from the juvenile proceedings, and the parents or guardian are financially unable to pay for legal services, the court may appoint the juvenile's counsel to represent the parents; provided, that if the court finds that there is a conflict of interest between the interests of the juvenile and his parents or guardian, then the court shall appoint separate counsel for the parents or guardian.

Source: PL 16-47, § 13.