

# Court Service Center

## New Hampshire Superior Court

### HOW TO APPLY FOR COURT APPOINTED COUNSEL

#### How to apply for court appointed counsel for criminal charges in Superior Court?

- If you've been arrested on felony charges with an arraignment date scheduled in Superior Court, you can complete a Request For A Lawyer form.
- If you have been indicted and have a notice to appear in Superior Court for arraignment, you can apply for court appointed counsel.
- If you are charged with a violation of probation, you will not need to complete a Request for A Lawyer Form. The court will appoint counsel for you.
- You may hire your own attorney. Court staff cannot recommend specific attorneys to you but can provide you with contact information for the Bar Association or other resources. [Click here for the NH Bar Association website.](#)

#### Form needed to apply for court appointed counsel

- Form needed - Request for a Lawyer (NHJB-4044-DSSUPe)

#### Instructions for completing the form

- Please fill in the court name and the case name. Please include the case number if you have it.
- If you have any questions about the form or the information requested, you can call the NHJB Information Center at 1-855-212-1234.
- Complete the Request For A Lawyer form and mail it or bring it to the court before your arraignment.

#### What happens next? Do I have to pay for my attorney?

- If you are eligible, the court will appoint a lawyer and you will be sent contact information for the lawyer.
- You will also be sent contact information for the Office of Cost Containment. The Office of Cost Containment determines your payment schedule for the cost of the lawyer.
- Most attorneys appointed are Public Defenders. [Click here for more information on the NH Public Defender's Office.](#)

**Forms and Instructions are available from any NH Superior Court**  
**Additional Information can be found at:**  
**[www.courts.state.nh.us/superior](http://www.courts.state.nh.us/superior)**