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JUVENILE COURT PROCEDURE; AUTHORITY; POLICY

I. Authority and Intent of Policy

The Supreme Court adopted Rules of Juvenile Procedure effective March 1, 2010. Under Administrative Rule 35, the Supreme Court has the authority to adopt administrative policies governing the actions of juvenile courts and personnel of the juvenile courts in North Dakota, including policies assisting the implementation of procedures set out in the juvenile rules. Policy 401 is intended to outline authority of the juvenile court director and designees.

II. Juvenile Court Officer – Duties of a Director of Juvenile Court

Under Section 27-20.2-04 N.D.C.C., the Supreme Court has authority to provide rules for qualifications and duties of court personnel. Under this authority, a person who is classified as a juvenile court officer II or a juvenile supervisor may carry out the duties of a “director of juvenile court” for purposes of Chapter 27-20.1, 27-20.2, 27-20.3, and 27-20.4, N.D.C.C., or as otherwise mentioned in the North Dakota Century Code. Specifically, a juvenile court officer II or a juvenile supervisor is a “director of juvenile court” for purposes of Sections 27-20.2-05, 27-20.3-04, and 27-20.4-04, and 54-12-01.3, N.D.C.C.

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