

IN THE COMMON PLEAS COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, OHIO
JUVENILE DIVISION



Judge Kristen K. Johnson
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Court Policy Regarding Employees Dispensing Legal Advice

By law, court employees, including deputy clerks, are not allowed to give legal advice. They have no law degree and could be prosecuted for practicing law without a license.

Deputy clerks may look over paperwork to see that the right blanks have been filled in or that you provided the necessary names and addresses and signed at the right location, but they CANNOT tell you if the content of your filing is adequate or will satisfy the requirements of the court. You could consult with an attorney or research the law at the library.

If a clerk does not answer a question, it is not that she does not want to be helpful; but she is following the court's policy to uphold the law that does not allow her to offer legal advice.

Thank you for your understanding,

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