

**MANITOWOC COUNTY  
POLICY ON  
COURT APPOINTED COUNSEL EXPENSES**

A court appointed attorney is expected to advance payment for all expenses in any case where the attorney is representing a defendant as court appointed counsel.

General practice in cases involving court appointed counsel requires that counsel receive pre-approval from the court for any expense anticipated to exceed \$50.00, before the same is incurred or contracted.

If there is an expense which may be substantial in cost and will pose a financial hardship for court appointed counsel to personally bear, court appointed counsel may request the court to order Manitowoc County to advance payment of said expense. With court approval of the expense, and based upon the court agreeing with the reasonableness of counsel's request for Manitowoc County to advance payment, an Order may be requested of the court to order Manitowoc County to advance payment of said expense.

The Order is required to allow the expense to be assessed against the defendant, so the County can take collection action against the defendant to obtain reimbursement for payment of said expense.