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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
IN AND FOR THE CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO**  
UNIFIED FAMILY COURT-JUVENILE DEPENDENCY DIVISION

**IN THE MATTERS OF**

**CHILDREN.**

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) Declaration in Support of Authorization for  
) Services of Social Worker  
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I, \_\_\_\_\_, am the appointed counsel for \_\_\_\_\_,

of the above. By this declaration and proposed order, I seek the appointment of

\_\_\_\_\_, at the rate of \$ \_\_\_\_/hour for a total of \_\_\_\_\_ hours and an aggregate

amount not to exceed \$ \_\_\_\_\_. Should additional funds become required beyond this

authorization, I will seek further order of the court before proceeding further.

Here is a synopsis of the client's current situation:

This is my first request for a court-appointed social worker in this matter. After consulting with \_\_\_\_\_, I am requesting the services of \_\_\_\_\_ whose CV is already on file with this court.

This is a family in particular crisis at this moment as evidenced by the recent events mentioned above. I am requesting the services of a court-appointed social worker for the following reasons/purposes:

To assist and advise me in case strategy and management.

To assist in conducting further investigation necessary to ascertain the facts.

To assist me in formulating recommendations for the court and to help me assess the children's and parents' needs.

To assist in the communication with my client.

To help identify and interview potential law and expert witnesses, collaterals, and relatives who may have relevant information.

To assist the client in understanding what her responsibilities are in the dependency process.

Attend mediations, collaborative court meetings, Child and Family Team meetings and other appropriate meetings to advocate for the client's needs and which could affect the client's dependency case.

To ensure that the voice and position of the parent is heard and considered at school meetings by attending critical school administrative hearings.

To provide me information and consultation on appropriate client communication.

To perform for the client short-term case management that furthers my ability to advocate for appropriate services and reunification.

To assist me in the presumptive transfer process, including but not limited to seeking input on presumptive transfer decisions at CFT meetings and assessing the children's mental health services and services outside the county of original jurisdiction. For parents and children, this would include helping the client understand the request and seek the parent's position and input on the issue(s).

To assist the client in case plan compliance to develop a support plan for the client and develop legal strategy for the case.

I have discussed the needs of the parent with \_\_\_\_\_ and it is anticipated that 40 (forty) hours is likely needed to accomplish the goals outlined above. This appointment will decrease the number of hours billable at the attorney rate, for we will not duplicate work, thereby saving money for the Court. The social worker's services will be limited to those outlined herein and his/her services will not be used for purposes of supervising visitation etc, as expressly prohibited by the Superior Court's Billing Manual; in fact, I have reviewed the scope of permitted services as outlined in the Billing Manual with the Social Worker.

Should the Court have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to call on me for further clarification.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct and executed on this day: \_\_\_\_\_ at San Francisco, CA.

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Attorney for \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_