



## Supreme Court proposes improvements for court-appointed lawyer selection

The Ohio Supreme Court is considering a proposal to amend rules for selecting court-appointed lawyers. [Rule 8 of the Rules of Superintendence for the Courts of Ohio](#) currently requires courts to make sure there's an "equitable distribution" when it comes to appointing a lawyer for an indigent criminal defendant. The proposed amendment would define equitable to include a system that would "widely" and "fairly" distribute appointments from a list of pre-qualified lawyers. Also included in the proposed amendment is a set of five factors a court must take into account when making appointments. The Supreme Court will take written comments until Dec. 24. [Read more...](#)