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Subject: A Question for Probate Court Budget Committee

To: Judge Paul J. Knierim, Probate Court Administrator and Chair, Judge Joseph Marino and Judge Dianne Yamin.

In the February 3, 2010 meeting minutes of the Northeast Regional Children's Probate Court, Judge Dennis O'Brien states in part "...that he expects that Probate Administration would actually be adding new people because of its added responsibility of payroll, etc. He also stated that a draft of a new benefits package for children's court staff is in the works, proposing benefits similar to the state Superior Courts."

Is this true? Will children's courts staff salary and benefits package be determined using a different standard (i.e. that of the states Superior Courts) than what is being considered for clerks in the 54 consolidated probate courts? Will they be handling their own payroll or will they be paid through the state comptrollers office as we will be commencing January 2011?

Respectfully submitted,

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