

Role of the CFO in Relation to JAC

All money spent by the State of Florida originates from the Department of Financial Services (DFS) which is headed by the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) for the state. The constitutional duties of the CFO include keeping track of more than \$53 billion coming in and out of state government annually and auditing state programs to make sure taxpayer dollars are accounted for and appropriately spent.

JAC is responsible for implementing the compensation process of court-appointed counsel and managing the appropriations made by the Legislature for this purpose. JAC audits 100% of its expenditures for compliance with circuit requirements and state law. After auditing is performed by JAC, expenditure requests are submitted to the DFS.

DFS further audits the expenditure request made by JAC, and upon approval, issues a warrant (check). If the vendor (attorney or due process service provider) requested that direct deposit be utilized, DFS would then transfer funds directly to their account.