

38-2306. Right to an attorney. (a) *Appointment of attorney to represent juvenile.* A juvenile is entitled to have the assistance of an attorney at every stage of the proceedings. If a juvenile appears before any court without an attorney, the court shall inform the juvenile and the juvenile's parent of the right to employ an attorney. Upon failure to retain an attorney, the court shall appoint an attorney to represent the juvenile. The expense of the appointed attorney may be assessed to the juvenile, the parent, or both, as part of the expenses of the case.

(b) *Continuation of representation.* An attorney appointed for a juvenile shall continue to represent the juvenile at all subsequent court hearings in the proceeding under this code, including appellate proceedings, unless relieved by the court upon a showing of good cause or upon transfer of venue.

(c) *Attorney fees.* An attorney appointed pursuant to this section shall be allowed a reasonable fee for services, which may be assessed as an expense in the proceedings as provided in K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 38-2314, and amendments thereto.

History: L. 2006, ch. 169, § 6; Jan. 1, 2007.