

EXHIBIT 305(a)

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF CRAWFORD COUNTY,
PENNSYLVANIA
CIVIL ACTION

Plaintiff :

Vs. :

No. _____ of 20____

Defendant :

PETITION FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF COUNSEL IN A
CIVIL ACTION

TO THE HONORABLE, THE JUDGES OF SAID COURT:

The petitioner respectfully represents and petitions the Court as follows: 1. Petitioner is _____

who resides at _____

and is the (plaintiff)(defendant) in the above entitled action.

2. Petitioner's income and expense information as set forth below is complete and true.

3. That this is an action for _____

4. That this is a civil action which may lead to the deprivation of substantial rights of the petitioner and

thus raises due process and equal protection questions whereby the petitioner is entitled to the assignment of counsel.

5. That the petitioner is, for financial reasons, unable to obtain counsel to represent him/her in this action

as the petitioner does not have sufficient income or assets to hire counsel, nor does petitioner have the ability to borrow money or obtain gifts from relatives, friends, or otherwise in order

to hire counsel. Petitioner has made the following efforts to obtain counsel:

(a) Employment:

(i) I am presently employed and state as follows:

Employer _____

Address _____

Salary or wages per month _____

Type of work _____

(ii) I am presently unemployed and state as follows:

Date of last employment _____

Salary or wages per month _____

Type of work _____

(b) Other income within the past twelve-months:

Business or profession _____

Other self-employment _____

Interest _____

Dividends _____

Pension and annuities _____

Social Security benefits _____

Support payments received _____

Disability payments _____

Unemployment compensation and supplemental benefits _____

Worker's compensation _____

Public Assistance _____

Other _____

(c) Other contributions to the support of my household (Wife) (Husband) (Other adult living with me) _____

() My (wife) (husband) (or other adult) is employed, and I state:

Employer _____

Salary or wages per month _____

Type of work _____

Contributions from children _____

Contributions from parents _____

Other contributions _____

() My wife, husband or other adult is not employed.

(d) Property owned:

Cash _____

Checking account (s) _____

Savings account (s) _____

Certificates of deposit _____

Real estate (including home) _____

Motor vehicle(s): Make _____ Year _____

Cost _____ Amt. Owed _____

Stocks; bonds _____

Other _____

(e) Debts and obligations:

Mortgage _____

Rent _____

Loans _____

Other _____

(f) Persons dependent upon me for support

(Wife) (Husband) Name _____

Children, if any

Name _____ Age _____

Other persons:

Name _____

Relationship _____

6. Petitioner (is) (is not) receiving Public Assistance.

7. I agree that I have a continuing obligation to inform the Court and my court-appointed counsel of any improvement in my financial circumstances which then may enable me to pay attorneys fees.

WHEREFORE, petitioner respectfully requests that this Court appoint and assign counsel to represent him/her in this action.

(Print Name)

VERIFICATION

I, _____, verify that the statements made in this petition are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief. I understand that false statements made herein are subject to the penalties of 18 Pa.C.S.A. §4904 relating to unsworn falsification to authorities.

(Sign Name)