

## **RECERTIFICATION PROCEDURE**

The Panel for each county is recertified on a yearly basis. The attorney for the child designation remains in effect for only one year [22 NYCRR § 679.(7)]. As part of an annual evaluative procedure, prior to recertification, the Attorney for the Child Advisory Committee for each Judicial District shall make inquiries as to the performance of each panel member within that Judicial District. The committees will concern themselves with each attorney's knowledge of the law, legal judgment, preparation of cases, strength of advocacy, punctuality and candor with the court, as well as courtesy to litigants and counsel. The Committee will decide on an annual basis the attorneys it recommends to the Presiding Justice of the Appellate Division, Second Department, for recertification [22NYCRR 679.(8)].

At the end of each summer, a letter and recertification application will be sent to each panel member inquiring whether he/she wishes to continue on the panel for the upcoming year.