

## **Section 9: Visitation**

**Subject: Professional / Clergy Visitation**

**Minimum Standard: 5120:1-8-07(J)**

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### **POLICY**

Professional visits by attorneys of record or clergy members shall be permitted as dictated by jail safety and security needs. An attorney of record (criminal, civil, or other attorney of record) and members of the clergy or similarly titled person of any religious sect, group, or denomination of which the inmate practices, shall be allowed to visit his/her client during any reasonable time, both day and evening, assuming there are no significant security or safety matters existing or expected at the time that the attorney or clergy member requests the visit.

### **PROCEDURE**

#### **A. Identification Required; Hours**

Unless a visitor's professional status is known to the jail staff, any professional visitor must be required to provide appropriate identification documenting his/her professional status to the satisfaction of the jail shift supervisor. Professional visits are authorized between the hours of 0700 hrs. and 1900 hrs.

#### **B. Authorized Professional Visitors**

Upon presentation of valid identification, the following individuals will be considered a professional visitor and will be allowed to visit with an inmate at any reasonable time, provided that the visitor has an official and legitimate purpose in visiting with the inmate:

1. Probation officers; and/or
2. Prosecutors; and/or
3. Employees of the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections and/or the Ohio Parole Board; and/or
4. Law enforcement officers; and/or
5. The inmate's attorney of record; and/or
6. Social service agency personnel, to include Job and Family Services employees from this or any county; and/or
7. Licensed bond or surety agents; and/or
8. Any individual with prior approval from the Sheriff or Jail Administrator.

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Attorneys, mental health or substance abuse counselors, and/or law enforcement officers are permitted to have confidential visits with inmates. Confidential visits are conducted in jail interview rooms and interviews conducted in those rooms are not recorded.

**D. Documentation Requirement**

All professional visit information will be recorded in the jail log, to include date, time, name of the inmate, name and title of the visitor, and specific room or location in the jail where the visit occurred.