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# Q&A

## UNDERAGE MARRIAGE

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During the webinar on March 24, 2020, there were several questions asked that required follow up. Here are answers to those questions.

### Case Filing

These cases are being filed as JV cases and are required to be heard in the juvenile court. If there is an open D&N case involved one of the minors then best practices would indicate the same Judge should have the marriage case. There has not yet been training for Judicial that the OCR is aware of so there is no standard protocol yet.

### Date of Birth

Currently the petitions we have seen do not have a date of birth on them so when you are entering your appointment please use a place holder (01/01/year that make them at least 16) and then go in and correct the DOB once you have it. The OCR has reached out to Judicial to try to problem solve around this.

### D&N Crossover

The OCR is not aware of a case where the youth is also part of a D&N to date. The OCR hopes that if this were to occur the D&N court would hear the case and the GAL would remain the same. The OCR has reached out to Judicial to explore training around this new case type and plans to discuss this issue.

### Conflict

If both parties to the marriage are underage then two separate GALs should be assigned.

### Appointment List

Any GAL on the D&N list may take these appointments. GALs on other lists may take these cases with approval from your staff attorney.