

Rule 576. Right to Counsel

A defendant has a right to be represented by an attorney; however, there shall be no right to appointment of counsel in suits for violation of ordinances for which the penalty does not include the possibility of a jail term.

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Committee Comment

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This rule reiterates the long held principle that the right to a court appointed counsel does not attach where there is no possibility of being sentenced to a jail term as a penalty for the underlying offense. See *City of Urbana v. Andre N.B.*, 211 Ill. 2d 456 (2004); *City of Danville v. Clark*, 63 Ill. 2d 408 (1976).