



OFFICE OF THE STATE PUBLIC DEFENDER

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STATE PUBLIC DEFENDER [493] REGULATORY PLAN

Current Regulatory Objectives and Priorities

The Office of State Public Defender is established by Iowa Code chapter 13B. The State Public Defender is charged with the supervision of the State Public Defender system and the coordination of legal defense representation of indigent persons in the State of Iowa. The system consists of three divisions: an administrative division, a local public defender division, and an appellate division. The State Public Defender coordinates the provision of legal services to indigent persons (1) to ensure their legal right to effective assistance of counsel under applicable constitutional or statutory provisions, and (2) to provide accurate and efficient processing and payment of claims payable from the indigent defense fund. The mission of the State Public Defender is to ensure that all indigent persons in Iowa are provided high-quality legal representation in criminal, juvenile and other eligible proceedings in the most efficient and fiscally responsible manner. All of the State Public Defender's regulatory objectives and priorities are and will be related to the fulfillment of these statutorily imposed responsibilities of the State Public Defender.

Current Rulemaking under Active Consideration or Development

The State Public Defender is actively considering rules requiring court appointed attorneys to submit their claims for payment to the State Public Defender's Office using an online system. The amendments would be intended to allow the State Public Defender to achieve greater efficiencies and overall improvements in the processing, review and payment of attorney fee claims. The amendments would also specify the manner in which the on-line claims would be required to be submitted.

Rulemaking Docket

Please refer to the Rulemaking Docket on the website of the Office of the State Public Defender for a complete description and full details regarding any proposed changes to the administrative rules of the Office of the State Public Defender.

Agency Rules Administrator

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Information concerning the State Public Defender's rules may be obtained by contacting the above Agency Rules Administrator.

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