

IDAPA 61 – IDAHO STATE PUBLIC DEFENSE COMMISSION

61.01.08 – Rules Governing the Administration of Idaho's Indigent Defense Delivery System – Rule Definitions

Who does this rule apply to?

- Counties
- Defending Attorneys

What is the purpose of this rule?

This rule includes definitions for the chapter.

What is the legal authority for the agency to promulgate this rule?

This rule implements the following statutes passed by the Idaho Legislature:

Criminal Procedure -

Examination of Case and Discharge or Commitment of Accused:

- [19-850\(1\)\(a\), Idaho Code](#) – Powers and Duties of the State Public Defense Commission

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**61.01.08 – RULES GOVERNING THE ADMINISTRATION OF IDAHO’S
INDIGENT DEFENSE DELIVERY SYSTEM – RULE DEFINITIONS**

000. LEGAL AUTHORITY.

Sections 19-849 through 19-866, Idaho Code, give the State Public Defense Commission (PDC) authority to adopt rules and standards to improve the delivery of trial-level indigent defense services in Idaho. The PDC is authorized under Sections 19-850(1)(a) and 19-862A, Idaho Code, to supervise and administer the indigent defense delivery system. (5-1-18)

001. TITLE AND SCOPE.

01. Title. These rules are titled IDAPA 61, Title 01, Chapter 08, “Rules Governing the Administration of Idaho’s Indigent Defense Delivery System – Rule Definitions.” (5-1-19)

02. Scope. These rules contain the definitions used throughout the chapters of rules adopted by the PDC. (3-20-20)

002. INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE.

The following documents are incorporated by reference into these rules: (5-1-18)

01. Idaho’s Principles of an Indigent Defense Delivery System. “Idaho’s Principles of an Indigent Defense Delivery System, edition 2016,” revised as of January 25, 2017, is herein incorporated by reference and is available from the PDC’s office and on the PDC website: <https://pdc.idaho.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/11/2017/01/Idahos-Principles-of-PD-System.pdf>. (5-1-18)

02. Standards for Defending Attorneys. “Standards for Defending Attorneys, edition 2018,” revised as of November 14, 2018, is herein incorporated by reference and is available from the PDC’s office and on the PDC website: <https://pdc.idaho.gov/rules>. (5-1-19)

03. Application for Capital Defense Roster. “Application for Capital Defense Roster, edition 2017,” revised as of November 27, 2017, is herein incorporated by reference and is available from the PDC’s office and on the PDC website: <https://pdc.idaho.gov/rules>. (5-1-18)

003. – 009. (RESERVED)

010. DEFINITIONS.

For the purposes of the Indigent Defense Delivery System chapters of rules, the following definitions apply: (5-1-18)

01. Annual Report. A report submitted to the appropriate Board of County Commissioners, Administrative District Judge and the PDC by a defending attorney pursuant to Section 19-864, Idaho Code, on an annual reporting form created by the PDC. The annual reporting form is available on the PDC website: <https://pdc.idaho.gov/forms/>. (5-1-18)

02. Applicant – Indigent Defense Financial Assistance. A County that identifies a need for an Indigent Defense Financial Assistance by submission of a compliance proposal, and applies for financial assistance through the PDC. (5-1-18)

03. Approval – IDG Application. An IDG application shall be approved if the applicant meets the requirements for eligibility. An approval does not guarantee the amount or disbursement of an IDG award. The PDC retains the ability to determine the amount of an IDG award based upon the components listed in IDAPA 61.01.04. Disbursement of funds is subject to availability as appropriated by the State Legislature each year. (5-1-18)

04. Capital Counsel Roster. A roster of defending attorneys who may be appointed to represent an indigent defendant in a case in which the death penalty may be imposed. Defending attorneys not on this roster may not represent indigent defendants in such cases. (5-1-18)

05. Case. (5-1-18)

a. A case consists of all related charges from a single incident, transaction or occurrence filed within a single case number, handled by one defending attorney. A probation violation or motion for contempt is counted as a separate case. (5-1-18)

- b.** A felony case is counted as follows: (5-1-18)
- i.** A case filed as a felony is counted as one felony, whether it is dismissed, remanded, pled, or tried to completion. (5-1-18)
 - ii.** A case filed as a felony that is remanded to magistrate court is counted once as a felony assuming vertical representation occurs. (5-1-18)
 - iii.** A case filed as a misdemeanor that is subsequently amended to a felony is counted once as a felony, assuming vertical representation occurs. (5-1-18)
- c.** Post-judgment motions, such as those requesting early termination of probation or a reduction in sentence pursuant to Idaho Criminal Rule 35, are not counted as a case. (5-1-18)
- d.** If two or more cases are consolidated prior to significant representation being undertaken on each individual case, then the consolidated case is counted as one case. If significant representation has occurred prior to consolidation, the cases in which such representation has occurred shall be counted as separate cases. (5-1-18)
- 06. Caseload.** The number of cases, as defined in this chapter, assigned to a defending attorney in a fiscal year. (5-1-18)
- 07. Compliance Checklist.** A document provided by the PDC each financial assistance cycle to assist an Applicant determine eligibility for an IDG. The checklist will be updated each year and is required as a part of an IDG application. (5-1-18)
- 08. Compliance Period.** The compliance period runs from May 1 through March 31. Indigent defense standards that are in place by May 1 of a given year must be complied with by March 31 of the following year. (5-1-18)
- 09. Compliance Proposal.** A plan that specifically addresses how indigent defense standards shall be met and how any deficiencies previously identified by the PDC will be cured in the upcoming county fiscal year. The plan shall include a cost analysis that specifically identifies the amount of funding in excess of the applicable local share necessary to allow the county to successfully execute the compliance proposal. If the county can execute its plan without exhausting the entirety of the financial assistance for which it may be eligible, the plan may include a request for funding for other improvements to its delivery of indigent defense services, pursuant to Section 19-862A(2), Idaho Code. (5-1-18)
- 10. Compliance Verification.** A form that must be completed and submitted to the PDC by a county that chooses not to file an Indigent Defense Financial Assistance Application. This verification requires the county to describe how IDG funds have been used in the prior year (if applicable) and an explanation as to how the county will fund their indigent defense delivery system in compliance with established standards. (5-1-18)
- 11. Contracting Authority.** The board of county commissioners or its designated agent who enters into a contract with a defending attorney for the provision of representation of indigent persons and other individuals who are entitled to be represented by an attorney at public expense. (5-1-19)
- 12. Contractor.** A defending attorney, law firm or office of public defender that enters into a contract with a Contracting Authority for the provision of representation of indigent persons and other individuals who are entitled to be represented by an attorney at public expense. (5-1-19)
- 13. Corrective Action Plan.** A plan developed by a county or defending attorney with the assistance of PDC staff that addresses any reported violation of established standards and how those violations will be corrected. (5-1-18)
- 14. Defending Attorney.** Defined in Section 19-851, Idaho Code, as any attorney employed by an indigent defense provider or otherwise assigned to represent adults or juveniles at public expense in state courts. (5-1-18)

- 15. Deficiency.** The violation of an established standard for which the timeline for compliance has passed pursuant to Section 19-862A(9), Idaho Code. (5-1-18)
- 16. Eligible Applicant – Indigent Defense Financial Assistance.** To be considered for an award of an IDG, an applicant must meet the requirements of IDAPA 61.01.04, Section 024, “Award Eligibility Requirements.” (5-1-18)
- 17. Established Standards.** Rules promulgated by the PDC pursuant to Section 19-850(1)(a), Idaho Code. (5-1-18)
- 18. Finding of Compliance with Recommendation.** A finding of compliance with recommendation refers to a condition whereby a county or defending attorney may be in compliance with Indigent Defense Standards; however, the provision of indigent defense services could be improved to ensure constitutionally-sound representation or achieve compliance with indigent defense standards yet to be promulgated. This finding is not a PDC determination of deficiency or non-compliance. The PDC does not have the authority to enforce compliance with a recommendation. (5-1-18)
- 19. Finding of Non-Compliance.** A finding of non-compliance refers to an instance where a county or defending attorney is not in compliance with applicable Indigent Defense Standards and may be related to a deficiency in the provision of indigent defense services. This finding is not necessarily a PDC determination of a deficiency and still requires a finding of material and willful non-compliance before the take-over provisions of Section 19-862A, Idaho Code, are invoked. (5-1-18)
- 20. Fiscal Year.** As referred to in this chapter, fiscal year refers to a county fiscal year beginning on October 1 and ending on September 30 of the following calendar year. (5-1-18)
- 21. Formal Status Meeting.** A meeting between PDC staff and a county or defending attorney conducted in accordance with IDAPA 61.01.06, section 023.02. (5-1-18)
- 22. Indigent Defense Budget.** The funds appropriated each fiscal year by the board of county commissioners that is used to provide representation under the Idaho Public Defense Act, Sections 19-848 through 19-866, Idaho Code, that includes the expenses of investigation, other preparation and trial, but does not include amounts received from the Capital Crimes Defense Fund or the Public Defense Commission. The appropriated funds shall not be less than a county’s local share for that fiscal year. (5-1-18)
- 23. Indigent Defense Contract.** A written contract between the board of county commissioners and a defending attorney or existing office of public defender that provides representation of indigent persons and other individuals who are entitled to be represented by an attorney at public expense. Such contracts shall not include a pricing structure that charges or pays a single fixed fee for the services and expenses of the attorney. (5-1-19)
- 24. Indigent Defense Delivery System.** The system created by the board of county commissioners that is used to provide representation under the Idaho Public Defense Act, Sections 19-848 through 19-866, Idaho Code. The system includes the county, indigent defense provider, defending attorneys, and any other county staff necessary for the administration of indigent defense services. (5-1-18)
- 25. Indigent Defense Expenditures.** Any monies expended for indigent defense services within a county that do not include amounts received from the public defense commission or amounts expended for capital cases by those counties participating in the capital crimes defense program in excess of premiums and deductibles required by guidelines approved by the Idaho capital crimes defense fund board of directors. (5-1-18)
- 26. Indigent Defense Financial Assistance.** Pursuant to Section 19-862A, Idaho Code, any sum of money awarded by the PDC to a county to support compliance with Indigent Defense Standards or for other improvements to its delivery of indigent defense service. (5-1-19)
- 27. Indigent Defense Financial Assistance Application.** An application created by the PDC each year requesting information related to the provision of indigent defense services in an Applicant’s county. This application

will be updated each year and be provided by February 28, initiating the financial assistance cycle. Counties are required to use this application when requesting an IDG award. (5-1-18)

28. Indigent Defense Provider. Any agency, entity, organization or person selected by a board of county commissioners in accordance with Section 19-859, Idaho Code, or designee of the commission if the commission’s actions to remedy specific deficiencies pursuant to Section 19-862A(11)(b), Idaho Code, involve the direct provision of indigent defense services, as a means to provide for the representation of indigent persons and other individuals who are entitled to be represented by an attorney at public expense. (5-1-18)

29. Indigent Defense Services. County services provided to indigent persons and other individuals who are entitled to be represented by an attorney at public expense pursuant to Section 19-859, Idaho Code. (5-1-18)

30. Indigent Defense Stakeholders (“Stakeholders”). A person, agency, entity or other organization with an interest or concern in the delivery of indigent defense in Idaho. (5-1-18)

31. Indigent Defense Standard. Defined in Section 19-851, Idaho Code, as any rule promulgated by the commission pursuant to Section 19-850(1)(a), Idaho Code. (5-1-18)

32. Joint Incentive Indigent Defense Financial Assistance. Pursuant to Section 19-862A, Idaho Code, a sum of money awarded by the PDC to counties who join together to establish and maintain a joint office of public defender pursuant to Section 19-859(2), Idaho Code. (5-1-18)

33. Local Share. Defined in Section 19-851, Idaho Code, as the benchmark figure calculated by the commission to determine the minimum amount of funding that shall be maintained by a county and to determine the award amount of state indigent defense financial assistance for which a county may be eligible pursuant to Section 19-862A, Idaho Code. For any given county fiscal year, a county’s local share shall be the median of the annual amount in county funds expended by that county for indigent defense during each of the first three (3) of the preceding five (5) county fiscal years, as certified by the county clerk. (5-1-18)

34. Oversight Review. An annual or periodic review of a county or defending attorney, completed by PDC staff, that considers whether indigent defense standards are being met and if deficiencies are being identified and cured in a timely fashion. (5-1-18)

35. Public Defense Roster. A roster of compliant defending attorneys who may be appointed to represent indigent defendants or other persons entitled to be represented by an attorney at public expense. The roster may also include non-attorney staff under the regular employ or supervision of a defending attorney. (5-1-19)

36. Reporter. An Indigent Defense Provider or defending attorney who submits an Annual Report as required by Section 19-864, Idaho Code, and IDAPA 61.01.02. (5-1-19)

37. Scholarship. Any amount of training funds granted by the PDC to be used toward the costs of attending a training program. (5-1-18)

38. Staff. Any individual employed by the PDC. (5-1-18)

39. Submission Date. The date upon which one mails or digitally submits a document, form, or application to the PDC. (5-1-18)

40. Training Funds. An amount designated in the annual budget of the PDC designated for the benefit of defending attorneys and those under their employ or supervision. These funds are dedicated to provide training and education for persons servicing indigent clients as designated by law, statute, court rule, or appointment. (5-1-18)

41. Training Program. Any program, class, conference, seminar, or educational opportunity whose purpose includes the training of persons servicing indigent clients as designated by law, statute, court rule, or appointment. (5-1-18)

42. Vertical Representation. Continuous representation by the same attorney from assignment

through completion of the case. Assignment shall occur immediately following an initial appearance to ensure that the constitutionally required level of advocacy necessary to mount a meaningful defense commences as soon as possible. (5-1-18)

43. Workload. The term workload recognizes that a caseload generally consists of a mix of case types that each require differing amounts of time and resources. (5-1-18)

011. ABBREVIATIONS.

01. MCLE. Mandatory Continuing Legal Education credit as determined by the Idaho State Bar. (5-1-18)

02. PDC. The State Public Defense Commission. (5-1-18)

03. IPIDDS. Idaho’s Principles of an Indigent Defense Delivery System. (5-1-18)

04. IDFA. Indigent Defense Financial Assistance. (5-1-18)

012. – 999. (RESERVED)

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