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Idaho



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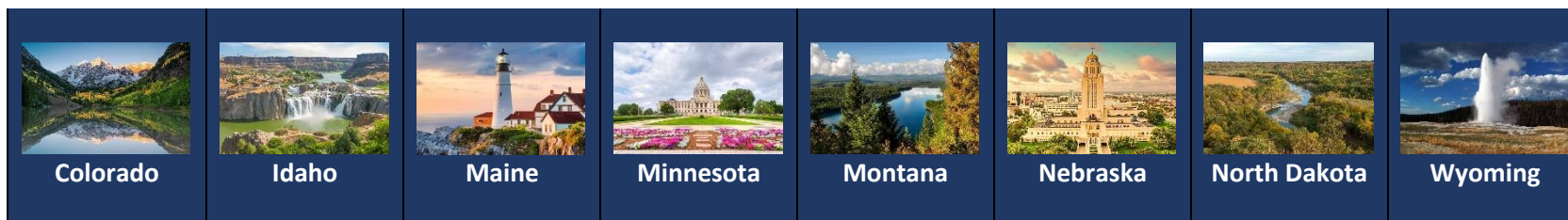
Part One

Principle 1: Selection, funding, and payment of defense counsel is independent

Independent of political influence								
Subject to same level of judicial supervision as retained council								
Nonpartisan board oversees defender, assigned counsel or contract counsel								
Attorney selection based on merit								
Recruitment involves efforts to achieve diversity of attorney staff								

Principle 2: When the caseload is sufficiently high, the public defense delivery system consists of both a public defender's office and active participation of local bar.

Selection method based on a coordinated plan								
Statewide structure established to ensure uniform quality of representation statewide								



<b>Principle 3: Clients are screened for eligibility and defense counsel is assigned as soon as feasible.</b>								
Counsel is furnished upon arrest, detention, or request and usually within 24 hours								
<b>Principle 4: Defense counsel is provided sufficient time and a confidential space within which to meet with a client.</b>								
Counsel meets with the client as soon as possible								
Confidential access to client to discuss case specifics								
<b>Principle 5: Defense counsel's workload is controlled to permit quality representation.</b>								
Workload does not interfere with the quality of representation								
Caseload standards monitored to ensure adequate representation								



**Principle 6: Defense counsel’s ability, training and experience match the complexity of the case.**

Counsel not appointed to handle a case if attorney lacks requisite experience or training								
Ability for counsel to refuse appointments if unable to competently handle a case.								

**Principle 7: The same attorney continuously represents the client until case completion.**

Continuous representation by the same attorney through case completion.								
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**Principle 8: Defense counsel and prosecutors have the same access to resources and are treated similarly by the justice system.**

Parity between prosecution and defense systems including workload, salaries and resources.								
Equal partner in improving the justice system.								



**Principle 9: Defense counsel is required to attend continuing legal education**

Systemic and comprehensive training appropriate to the practice area								
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**Principle 10: Defense counsel is supervised and reviewed for quality and efficiency according to defined standards**

Counsel is supervised and periodically evaluated for competency and efficiency.								
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**Part Two**

**Structure and Organization of Indigent Defense Delivery Systems**

Independent central board or commission to oversee programs providing indigent defense								
Statewide data and reporting system to oversee and manage indigent defense program								



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Uniform statewide criteria for determining eligibility for services								
Statewide process for managing cases where there is a conflict of interest								
Set eligibility standards and certifies private lawyers seeking appointments based on education, training experience and competency.								
Statewide compensation rates for court appointed attorneys that also addresses travel costs								
Statewide entity sets budgets and advocates for resources required to provide adequate indigent defense services								