

COMMISSION ON LEGAL COUNSEL FOR INDIGENTS
POLICY ON
ASSIGNMENT OF CONFLICT CASES BY PUBLIC DEFENDER OFFICES

Each supervising/lead attorney in a public defender office is responsible for assignment of cases in the geographical area covered by his/her office. A case should first be assigned to an attorney in that supervising/lead attorney's office. If there is a conflict with an attorney from that office handling the matter, the case should be assigned to an attorney in the geographical area who has signed a contract with the Commission to provide conflict representation. If the attorneys who have signed such contracts cannot provide representation in the matter due to conflicts or for other reasons, the case should be assigned to one of the other public defender offices, with the supervising/lead attorney in the other public defender office designating which attorney will handle the matter. If none of the other public defender offices can handle the matter, it should be assigned to an attorney in another geographical area who has signed a contract with the Commission to provide conflict representation.