

# POSTCONVICTION PROCEDURE

- Upon written Order by the District Court appointing counsel, it is your responsibility to complete the [Postconviction Referral Form](#) online and submit it electronically to the Appellate Defender Office (ADO).
- Send the District Court file to the ADO upon submission.
- It is the responsibility of the ADO to appoint contract counsel in post conviction relief cases.

For more information on Postconviction Procedure, see the applicable sections of the *Standards for Counsel Representing Individuals Pursuant to the Montana Public Defender Act*:

- III. Attorney-Client Relationship
  - [3. C. Duration of Representation](#)
- VI. Qualifications and Duties of Counsel
  - [31. Defendant's Right to Postconviction Relief](#)
- X. Representation Standards for Appellate Advocacy
  - [2. N. Handling the Case](#)
- XI. [Representation Standards for Postconviction Proceedings](#)

Also see [MCA 46-21-101](#) et seq. and [46-8-104](#)