

47-1-118. Conflicts of interest. (1) The commission shall establish a conflicts office to contract for attorneys to represent indigent defendants in circumstances where, because of conflict of interest, the public defender program is unable to provide representation to a defendant.

(2) The commission shall appoint a conflicts manager to oversee the office. The conflicts manager reports directly to the commission and not to the chief public defender. The conflicts manager may not handle cases. The conflicts manager shall hire an attorney to handle the postconviction cases where district courts order assignment of counsel following the procedure established in 46-21-201.

(3) All attorneys contracted for conflict of interest cases shall report to the conflicts manager.