## Montana Public Defender Commission **Practice Standards**

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## Section I, Introduction

## 3. Discrimination:

A. No government agency or any entity contracting with a government agency, in its selection of an attorney, firm, or agency to provide public legal representation, nor the attorneys selected, in their hiring practices or in their representation of clients, shall discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, age, marital status, sex, sexual orientation or disability. Government entities, defender offices, contract counsel, and assigned counsel shall comply with all federal, state, and local non-discrimination laws.