Montana Public Defender Commission

Practice Standards

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Section XXIII, Representation of CASA/GAL in Dependent/Neglect Cases

4. ATTORNEY WORK PRODUCT AND TESTIMONY:

- A. Except as provided otherwise by the Montana Rules of Professional Conduct, court order, or statute counsel for a CASA / GAL shall not surrender to any party work product developed during the appointment absent consent by the CASA/GAL;
- B. Counsel shall also ensure, whenever necessary and possible, that the CASA/GAL is present and available to provide testimony and/or be subject to cross-examination during the hearings.