Montana Public Defender Commission

Practice Standards

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Section VI, Qualifications and Duties of Counsel

29. The Defendant's Right to an Appeal

A. Following conviction at trial, counsel should inform the client of his or her right to appeal the judgment of the court and the action that must be taken to perfect an appeal.

B. Where the client takes an appeal, trial counsel should cooperate in providing information to appellate counsel (where new counsel is handling the appeal) concerning the proceedings in the trial court.