Montana Public Defender Commission

Practice Standards

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Section XI, Representation Standards for Postconviction Proceedings

2. TRAINING

- A. The attorney will demonstrate proficiency or receive training specific to the representation of clients in the postconviction process.
- B. Counsel shall become familiar with the applicable statutes and case law including civil, pretrial discovery, and motions rules. Counsel shall be familiar with deadline issues, acceptable pleadings, as well as the procedural and substantive legal issues relating to the postconviction process.
- C. Counsel shall reserve regular time to keep current with the statutes, rules, and cases regarding both procedural and substantive legal issues.
- D. Counsel shall participate, whether as an instructor or student, in regular training events and shall endeavor to grow professionally to the benefit of his or her clients.