Montana Public Defender Commission

Practice Standards

December, 2012

Section VI, Qualifications and Duties of Counsel

2. Obligations of Counsel Regarding Pretrial Release Error! Bookmark not defined.:

A. Counsel has an obligation to meet with incarcerated defendants as stated previously in these Standards, and shall take other prompt action necessary to provide quality representation, including:

- a. Invoking the protections of appropriate constitutional provisions, federal and State laws, statutory provisions, and court rules on behalf of a client, and revoke any waivers of these protections purportedly given by the client, as soon as practicable via a notice of appearance or other pleading filed with the State and court.
- b. Attempting to secure the pretrial release of the client.