Virginia Indigent Defense Commission Standards of Practice of Indigent Defense Counsel Complaint Form

Under Code of Virginia, §19.2-163.01(4), the VIDC is responsible for establishing the official standards of practice for courtappointed counsel and public defenders to follow in representing their clients, and guidelines for the removal of an attorney from the official list of those qualified to receive court appointments.

A finding of a violation of the Standards of Practice will not affect the outcome of your case but may result in the removal of the attorney from the list of certified attorneys qualified to accept court appointments in criminal indigent cases. If you are seeking other outcomes with regards to your case, you may need to seek other remedies.

NOTE: Copy of all complaints may be provided to the attorney.

A complaint will be dismissed without further review unless it meets all of the following filing requirements:

- 1. Must be in writing and provided on this form;
- 2. Complainant cannot be anonymous;
- 3. Filed within twelve months of the conclusion of the case, including any appeals
- 4. Reference a specific case;
- 5. Involve a court-appointed attorney or public defender in an indigent defense case;
- 6. Allege violation(s) of specific Standards of Practice; and
- 7. Be inherently credible.

Complainant Information:

First	Middle		Last
Street			
City	State	Zip Code	
City	State	Zip Code	

Are you the person that was represented by the court-appointed lawyer or public defender? yes	🗌 no
If no, please provide the following information of the client:	

NAME:	First	Middle		Last
ADDRESS:				
	Street			
	City	State	Zip Code	
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	Phone number at which y	ou can be best reached Ema	ail Address	
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Have vou read	l the brochure describi	ng the complaint process? \Box yes	□ no	

Court-Appointed Attorney/Public Defender Information:

ATTORNEY'S NAME:			
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ATTORNEY'S ADDRESS:	Name of Firm		
	Street		
	City	State Zip	Code
	() Phone number	Email Address	
Case Informati			
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Please provide t	he case number(s) if av	vailable:	_
		In which court did the case	e end?
When was the ca			
		s the case appealed? yes no	
If so, did the sam	ne attorney named abo	ove handle the appeal? \Box yes \Box no	
you have in your	possession. You must	Please include copies of any court documents or oth a dequately describe the facts or circumstances of the to <u>www.vadefenders.org</u> to view the Standards of Pra	e specific violation of the Standards of
(Continue on the ba	ack or a separate page if yo	ou need more space)	
The informatio	n I have provided is a	accurate and true to the best of my knowledge.	Please return to: Virginia Indigent Defense Commission Attn: Standards of Practice Enforcement Attorney 1604 Santa Rosa Road, Suite 200

Richmond, Virginia 23229