

# Indigent Defense Standards in Wayne County

Implementing the First Standards and Planning for the Next Standards  
Approved by the Michigan Indigent Defense Commission

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The Commission has 15 members designated by stakeholders in the criminal justice system and appointed by the Governor to 4-year terms.

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“The MIDC shall be mindful that **defense attorneys who provide indigent criminal defense services are partners with** the prosecution, law enforcement, and the judiciary in the criminal justice system.”

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CDAM Designees to the MIDC:

John Shea, Ann Arbor  
Frank Eaman, Pentwater  
William Swor, Grosse Pointe Woods

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Commissioners from Wayne County:

Jeffrey Collins (by the Senate Majority Leader)  
Nancy J. Diehl (by the State Bar)  
Brandy Robinson (by Minority Interest Groups)  
Kristina Robinson (by the Chief Justice)

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We made significant progress in 2017.



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All **134 funding units** in Michigan submitted plans for compliance with the MIDC's first standards.

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The MIDC received **\$84.1 million** to implement the plans beginning this fall.

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Resources for attorneys accepting assignments.

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Standard 1 - Training and Education

Attorneys will no longer pay for required training (beginning January 2019).

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Standard 2 – Initial Interviews

Attorneys will be compensated for the initial client interview.

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Standard 3 – Experts and Investigators

Attorneys accepting assignments have access to **\$5,446,158** for expert and investigator resources for indigent clients.

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Standard 4 – First Appearance

All programs are separately coordinated through the district courts.

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Proposed Standards.

**Standard 5:**  
**Independence from the Judiciary.**

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Proposed Standards.

**Standard 6:**  
Indigent defense  
workloads.

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Proposed Standards.

**Standard 7:**  
Qualification and  
Review.

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Proposed Standards.

**Standard 8:**  
Economic incentives or  
disincentives.

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