



Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission Policies

Category: LEGAL ISSUES
Subcategory: Attorney Defense

ATTORNEYS APPOINTED BY THE COURT TO REPRESENT INDIGENT DEFENDANTS

1. Staff attorneys employed by the Commission who are required to represent defendants in criminal cases by virtue of court appointment shall continue to receive normal compensation for time necessarily devoted to the defense of such cases and will not be required to charge such time against vacation, nor against leave without pay.
2. When necessary for the defense of cases to which staff attorneys are appointed by court order, support staff may be used and shall receive normal compensation for such work.
3. When appointed by court order to represent defendants in criminal cases, staff attorneys are authorized to use Commission-owned facilities, such as telephones, office space, library, copying machines and computers.
4. When staff attorneys are required to represent indigent defendants pursuant to court appointment, the Chief Counsel shall keep an accurate record of time spent pursuant to such court appointment of both the attorney and support staff, as well as any necessary supplies.
5. The Chief Counsel will submit bills to the Public Defenders Commission or other appropriate agency for reimbursement to the Commission for the salaries of employees and the cost of material and supplies necessarily utilized in the defense of any case which staff attorneys are required by court order to perform.
6. Any reimbursement received as a result of time spent by staff attorneys, support staff, or supplies and materials used, will be deposited in the State Road Fund.

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