

RIGHT TO AN ATTORNEY – CRIMINAL MATTERS

In all criminal matters you have the right to an attorney. If you are unable to afford an attorney, an attorney may be appointed for you.

It is your responsibility to contact the Office of the State Public Defender at the address and phone number below to determine if you qualify for public defender representation. You should be prepared to provide them with information concerning your assets and income.

If you do not qualify for a public defender attorney, you should attempt to hire an attorney on your own. If you do not have sufficient funds to hire an attorney, you may obtain a form at the Clerk of Court Office to request a court-appointed attorney. You must complete, sign before a notary and file this form with the court. The Judge will then make a decision whether to appoint an attorney for you. If the court does appoint an attorney, you may be required to reimburse the county for the cost.

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