

LOUISIANA PUBLIC DEFENDER BOARD



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December 2, 2014

The Honorable Charles E. Kleckley
Speaker, House of Representatives
Post Office Box 94062
Baton Rouge, LA 70804

Re: Summary Report – Publication of Performance Standards for Criminal Defense
Representation in Indigent Capital Cases

Dear Speaker Kleckley:

Pursuant to R.S. 49:968(D)(1)(b), the Louisiana Public Defender Board hereby announces its plan to proceed with rule-making by finalizing the September 20, 2014 Notice of Intent that was promulgated on page 2007 of the *Louisiana Register*.

R.S. 15:147 vests the Louisiana Public Defender Board with all “regulatory authority, control, supervision, and jurisdiction, including auditing and enforcement, and all power incidental or necessary to such regulatory authority, control, supervision, and jurisdiction over all aspects of the delivery of public defender services throughout the courts of the state of Louisiana.” Within that context, R.S. 15:148(A) directs the board to adopt all rules necessary to implement the provisions of R.S.15:146 et seq. In compliance with the legislative directive, the proposed rules will create performance standards for defense of indigent capital cases.

The board has received no comments and therefore has not conducted a hearing pursuant to R.S. 49:953(A)(2). Further, no changes have been made to the proposed rules and the full text is attached.

Subject to legislative oversight by the speaker of the House and the senate President and their respective committees, the board intends to submit the Rules to the office of the State Register for publication. If you have any questions or need additional information concerning the foregoing, please call me at (225) 219-9305.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Barbara G. Baier".

Barbara G. Baier
General Counsel