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**EMERGENCY RULES ADOPTED SINCE THE LAST REGULATORY AGENDA:**

**CHAPTER 301**: Fee Schedule and Administrative Procedures for Payment of Commission Assigned Counsel (Adopted July 1, 2015)

**EXPECTED 2015-2016 RULE-MAKING ACTIVITY:**

**CHAPTER 301:** Fee Schedule for Rostered Attorneys

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 4 M.R.S.A. §§ 1804(2)(F), (3)(B), (3)(F) and (4)(D)

PURPOSE: To establish rates of compensation and standards for the reimbursement of expenses for rostered attorneys.

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: Prior to June 1, 2016 for final adoption of this major substantive rule.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Attorneys rostered by the Commission to receive assignments in indigent cases.

**CHAPTER 2:** Standards for Qualifications of Assigned Counsel

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 4 M.R.S.A. §§ 1804(2)(B), (2)(G), (3)(E) and (4)(D)

PURPOSE: To provide the Commission with a basis for determining which attorneys are qualified to be assigned to represent indigent people.

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: Possible proposed amendment prior to September 1, 2016.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Attorneys rostered by the Commission to receive assignments in indigent cases and licensed attorneys who apply to become eligible to receive assignments in indigent cases.

**CHAPTER 3:** Eligibility Requirements for Specialized Case Types

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 4 M.R.S.A. §§ 1804(2)(B), (2)(G), (3)(E) and (4)(D)

PURPOSE: To provide the Commission with a basis for determining which attorneys are qualified to be assigned to represent indigent people in specialized case types.

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: Prior to June 1, 2016 for final adoption of this major substantive rule.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Attorneys rostered by the Commission to receive assignments in indigent cases and licensed attorneys who apply to become eligible to receive assignments in specialized case types.

**CHAPTER 501**: Standards and Procedures for Evaluating Assigned and Contract Counsel

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: §§ 1804(2)(D) and (4)(D)

PURPOSE: To establish standards and procedures for evaluating Assigned and contract counsel.

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: Prior to September 1, 2016.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Attorneys rostered by the Commission to receive assignments in indigent cases and attorneys who represent indigent people under contract with the Commission.