

**APPELLATE DEFENDER ACT (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 620 of 1978**

**780.716 Appellate defender; duties generally.**

Sec. 6.

The appellate defender shall do all of the following:

- (a) Conduct an appeal of a felony conviction or conduct other postconviction remedies on behalf of an indigent adult for whom the appellate defender is assigned as attorney.
- (b) Conduct an appeal of an order or conduct other appropriate postdisposition remedies on behalf of an indigent youth for whom the appellate defender is assigned as attorney.
- (c) Provide investigatory and other services necessary for a complete appellate review or appropriate postconviction or postdisposition remedy, as applicable.
- (d) Accept only that number of assignments and maintain a caseload which will ensure quality appellate defense services for indigent adults and youth consistent with the funds appropriated by the state. However, the number of cases assigned to the appellate defender office must not be less than 25% of the total appellate defense cases for indigent adults and youth pending before the appellate courts of this state.
- (e) Maintain a repository of briefs prepared by the appellate defender and make those briefs available to private attorneys providing appellate defense services for indigent adults and youth.
- (f) Perform other duties required by law as directed by the commission.

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