## Virginia Indigent Defense Commission Standards of Practice of Indigent Defense Counsel Complaint Form

Under Code of Virginia, §19.2-163.01(4), the VIDC is responsible for establishing the official standards of practice for court-appointed counsel and public defenders to follow in representing their clients, and guidelines for the removal of an attorney from the official list of those qualified to receive court appointments.

A finding of a violation of the Standards of Practice will not affect the outcome of your case but may result in the removal of the attorney from the list of certified attorneys qualified to accept court appointments in criminal indigent cases. If you are seeking other outcomes with regards to your case, you may need to seek other remedies.

NOTE: Copy of all complaints may be provided to the attorney.

Have you read the brochure describing the complaint process? \( \sqrt{yes} \)

## A complaint will be dismissed without further review unless it meets all of the following filing requirements: 1. Must be in writing and provided on this form; 2. Complainant cannot be anonymous; 3. Filed within twelve months of the conclusion of the case, including any appeals 4. Reference a specific case; 5. Involve a court-appointed attorney or public defender in an indigent defense case; 6. Allege violation(s) of specific Standards of Practice; and 7. Be inherently credible. **Complainant Information:** YOUR NAME: First Middle Last ADDRESS: Street City Zip Code State Phone number at which you can be best reached Email Address Are you the person that was represented by the court-appointed lawyer or public defender? $\square$ ves If no, please provide the following information of the client: NAME: Middle ADDRESS: Street City Zip Code Phone number at which you can be best reached Email Address Have you filed a bar complaint about this matter? ☐ yes ☐ no If yes, state the outcome if available:

no

ATTORNEY'S	ted Attorney/Public	Defender Information:	
NAME:	First	Middle	Last
ATTORNEY'S			
ADDRESS:	Name of Firm		
	Street		
	City	State Zip	Code
	() Phone number	Email Address	
Case Informat	ion:		
Is the client a ju	ıvenile? 🗌 yes 🔲	no In what county/city was the case heard?	
=		ppointed to provide representation?	
Please provide	the case number(s) if a	available:	_
In which court of	did the case begin? _	In which court did the case	 e end?
When was the c	case resolved?	/ /	
If the case resul	Ited in a conviction, w	as the case appealed?  yes no	
If so, did the sa	me attorney named ab	ove handle the appeal?  yes no	
you have in your	r possession. You mus	Please include copies of any court documents or othest adequately describe the facts or circumstances of the to <a href="https://www.vadefenders.org">www.vadefenders.org</a> to view the Standards of Pragary	e specific violation of the Standards of
(Continue on the b	back or a separate page if	you need more space)	
	on I have provided is	accurate and true to the best of my knowledge.	Please return to: Virginia Indigent Defense Commission Attn: Standards of Practice Enforcement Attorney 1604 Santa Rosa Road, Suite 200
Signature		Date	Richmond, Virginia 23229