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Subject: Proposed changes in Indigent Defense standards

I am a contract public defender for both Pierce and Kitsap counties. I have been in public defense for about 22 years now. I primarily handle felony matters including a concentration in serious matters like murder and sex offenses. I am strongly against the new proposed standards.

As an experienced attorney I believe I am able to zealously represent my clients under the current case standards. I believe I am the kind of experienced criminal defense attorney that the WSBA would want to keep in indigent criminal defense. If these standards were to be implemented I would not be able to legally handle enough cases to make it financially feasible to remain in practice. It would amount to a restraint of trade. Thanks for your time and attention to this matter.

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