

PERFORMANCE GUIDELINES FOR JUVENILE REPRESENTATION IN DELINQUENCY PROCEEDINGS

On April 21, 2017, the Board of Directors of the State Bar of Texas adopted the Performance Guidelines for Juvenile Representation in Delinquency Proceedings, following a review process that incorporated the feedback of practitioners and several bar committees. Drafted by the State Bar of Texas Standing Committee on Legal Services to the Poor in Criminal Matters, the guidelines seek to encourage attorneys who represent juveniles in delinquency proceedings to provide zealous representation. The guidelines are also intended to alert counsel to courses of action that may be necessary, advisable, or appropriate in order to provide a juvenile client the best representation possible and to provide a measure by which the performance of individual attorneys may be evaluated, and to assist in training and supervising attorneys.

The committee appreciates the work of the bar, and the board of directors is confident that these supplementary guidelines will elevate the quality of representation of juveniles in delinquency proceedings in Texas.

—Standing Committee on Legal Services to the Poor in Criminal Matters

To read the performance guidelines, go to texasbar.com/performanceguidelines.