

Staff Memorandum

HOUSE OF DELEGATES Agenda Item #6

<u>REQUESTED ACTION</u>: Approval of Revised Standards for Providing Mandated Representation.

Attached is a memorandum from Norman P. Effman, chair of the Committee to Ensure Quality of Mandated Representation, providing background on the adoption of NYSBA's Standards for Providing Mandated Representation, originally approved by the House of Delegates in 2005 and revised in 2010. At the January 2013 House meeting, you approved a request from the Committee to incorporate into the Standards the Conflict Defender Standards adopted last year by the State Office of Indigent Legal Services. The Committee has completed the incorporation of the Conflict Defender Standards and now seeks your approval of the 2013 Revised NYSBA Standards (attached as Appendix E). The committee's proposed resolution for your consideration is attached as Appendix D.

The report will be presented at the April 6 meeting by Norman P. Effman, chair of the Committee to Ensure Quality of Mandated Representation.