Montana Public Defender Commission

Practice Standards

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Section XIX, Representation of Persons in Proceeding to Determine Parentage

XIX. REPRESENTATION OF PERSONS IN A PROCEEDING TO DETERMINE PARENTAGE UNDER THE UNIFORM PARENTAGE ACT (§40-6-119, MCA)

GOALS:

- A. To actively and effectively represent clients in proceedings to determine parentage under §40-6-119, MCA, in an effective and professional manner throughout all phases of the case.
- B. To serve the interest of the client and to be independent from the court and other participants in the litigation and be unprejudiced and uncompromised in representing the client.
- C. To exercise independent and professional judgment in carrying out the duties assigned by the court and to participate fully in the case on behalf on the client.