

# Talk legal defense for poor Aug. 18

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LANSING – Michiganders can share their thoughts on new standards affecting legal defense for poor people accused of crime at a public hearing next week.

The Michigan Indigent Defense Commission will meet at 1 p.m. Aug. 18 in Room 308 of Western Michigan University Cooley Law School, 300 S. Capitol Ave. People can also participate via video-conference from Room 305 Cooley's Grand Rapids campus, 111 Commerce Ave. S.W., and Room 100 of the Cooley Auburn Hills campus, 2630 Featherstone.

The commission will hear public comment on its first set of proposed standards for public defenders, which [the commission approved](#) ([/story/news/local/capitol/2015/06/09/indigent-defense-standards-proposed/28759239/](#)) at a meeting June 9 in Lansing. Those standards say appointed attorneys should be well-educated and continually trained, should meet quickly with their clients, should thoroughly investigate their cases, and more.

The standards are available for review at [michiganidc.gov/standards](http://michiganidc.gov/standards) (<http://michiganidc.gov/standards>).

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