



# RESOURCES FOR COURT APPOINTED COUNSEL

How can IDS and the Defenders help you advocate for fair and just outcomes for your clients?

## 1

### Case Consultations

IDS Regional and State Defenders are available to discuss your cases with you—from issues with pre-trial release to how to get an investigator or expert on your case. IDS Regional and State Defenders are among the most experienced attorneys in their fields.

- ➔ Is someone trying to terminate your client’s parental rights? Consider calling the Parent Defender
- ➔ Unsure how to preserve an important issue at trial? Call the Appellate Defender’s “on-call attorney.”
- ➔ Need advice on pre-trial advocacy? The Regional Defenders are there to discuss creative approaches.
- ➔ Think an investigator or paralegal could help on your case but not sure where to begin? Regional Defenders.

*\*Please see side 2 of this resource card for contact information*

## 2

### Forensic Resources

IDS provides assistance to North Carolina attorneys litigating complex scientific evidence through its Forensic Resource Counsel. Through individual case consultations, continuing legal education programs, and the Forensic Resources website, FRC educates attorneys about relevant forensic science issues and assists with litigating claims related to forensic evidence at the trial, appellate and post-conviction phases of representation. Find out more at

[www.forensicresources.org](http://www.forensicresources.org).

## 3

### Immigration Consults

IDS contracts with experienced immigration attorneys who also have experience in criminal defense. For more information on the consults and to complete a consultation request, see “Immigration Resources” under the resources tab at [www.ncids.org](http://www.ncids.org).

## 4

### Training

IDS collaborates with the School of Government to create quality, cost-effective indigent defense education, including innovative training programs, manuals, and online resources, to ensure that public defense attorneys have the qualifications, training, and support they need to be effective. IDS also provides a few scholarships to some of the School’s flagship training including advanced trainings, trial school, and subject matter specific conferences. If you are interested in a scholarship, contact a regional defender.

## 5

### Resource Manuals

IDS provides support for the creation of indigent defense manuals by the UNC School of Government on North Carolina law. The manuals are located on a single, searchable website, [defendermanuals.sog.unc.edu](http://defendermanuals.sog.unc.edu). Other manuals that may be of interest to you include Abuse, Neglect, Dependency, and Termination of Parental Rights (2017 edition) and Innocence Inquiry Proceedings Manual.

## 6

### Website

The IDS website provides information and links to many great resources available to defense attorneys across the state. The IDS website includes sample forms, and training materials. Attorneys can access the motions bank, as well as guidance on completing their fee application. Learn more at [www.ncids.org](http://www.ncids.org).

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