

**APPELLATE DEFENDER ACT (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 620 of 1978**

**780.717 Special assistant appellate defenders; appointment; duties; payment on contract basis; practice of law not restricted.**

Sec. 7.

- (1) The appellate defender may appoint special assistant appellate defenders to do any of the following:
  - (a) Represent indigent adults or otherwise assist in the representation of indigent adults at any stage of appellate or postconviction proceedings, upon rules adopted by the commission.
  - (b) Represent indigent youth or otherwise assist in the representation of indigent youth at any stage of appellate proceedings, upon rules adopted by the commission.
- (2) A special assistant appellate defender shall be paid on a contract basis approved by the commission within funds available to the commission.
- (3) A special assistant appellate defender is not subject to the restrictions on the practice of law applicable to the appellate defender, deputy appellate defender, and assistant appellate defender under section 4.

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