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NEW! Law Governing Appointment of Counsel in State Civil Proceedings

The map below provides access, by clicking each state, to a research report detailing existing authority for appointment of counsel in various types of civil proceedings. Additional prefatory material and appendices are available through links below.

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Additional Resources

ABA Toolkit for a Right to Counsel in Civil Proceedings »

The Toolkit includes in one package the "ABA Basic Principles for a Right to Counsel in Civil Proceedings" and "The ABA Model Access Act," which provide two important tools for jurisdictions seeking to implement a civil right to counsel.

ABA House of Delegates Policy Resolution Urging Recognition of a Civil Right to Counsel »

For additional information regarding civil right to counsel issues, please visit:

National Coalition for a Civil Right to Counsel