

Indigent Defense Systems of the 50 States

State PD with Commission		State PD without Commission		State Commission, State Director		State Commission, Partial Authority		No State Commission		Elected PD (by Dist./Cir.)	
<i>State</i>	<i>Year Est.</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Year Est.</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Year Est.</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Year Est.</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Prior Study Comm.</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Year Est.</i>
CO	1969	RI	1941	KS	1981	NV	1971	AL	Yes	FL	1972
MD	1971	DE	1953	MA	1983	OH	1984	AZ	Yes	TN	1989
HI	1972	NJ	1967	OK	1991	IN	1989	CA			
KY ¹	1972	VT	1972	NC	2000	SC	1993	IL	Yes		
NH ²	1972	NM	1973	OR	2001	LA	1994	ID			
CT	1974	WY	1977	TX	2001	NE	1995	ME	Yes		
WI	1977	AK	1980	VA	2004			MI	Yes		
MO	1982	IA	1981	ND	2005			MS ³	Yes		
MN	1986	WV	1989					NY	Yes		
AR	1997							PA	Yes		
GA	2003							SD			
MT	2005							UT			
								WA	Yes		

¹ The Kentucky Department of Public Advocacy was created in 1972, while the Public Advocacy Commission was created in 1982 (see KRS 31.010 and 31.015).

² The New Hampshire Public Defender is a private, nonprofit corporation that was created in 1972 and is under the general supervision of the New Hampshire Judicial Council (see N.H. RSA 604-B:5). In addition, an all-volunteer Board of Directors oversees the program's operations.

³ Mississippi created a commission in 1998, but the legislation was later repealed.