

11A-3.

The public defender shall perform the following duties:

Upon request of a defendant and upon order of the court, he shall defend, at all stages of the proceedings, without expense to the defendant, any person who is not financially able to employ counsel and who is charged with the commission of any contempt of OR offense triable in the Circuit Court for Frederick County. ALSO HE SHALL DEFEND OR GIVE ADVICE AND COUNSEL TO PERSONS WHO ARE NOT FINANCIALLY ABLE TO EMPLOY COUNSEL AND WHO ARE INVOLVED IN PROCEEDINGS UNDER THE LAW CONCERNING DEFECTIVE DELINQUENTS IN ARTICLE 31B OF THE ANNOTATED CODE, THE POST CONVICTION LAWS IN SUBTITLE "POST CONVICTION PROCEDURE" IN ARTICLE 27 OF THE ANNOTATED CODE, OR THE LAWS CONCERNING JUVENILES IN THE SUBTITLE "JUVENILE CAUSES", IN ARTICLE 26 OF THE ANNOTATED CODE. The public defender shall, upon request, give counsel and advice to such person about any charge against him upon which the public defender is conducting the defense, and shall prosecute all appeals to a higher court of OR courts of any person who has been convicted, where, in his opinion, the appeal will or might reasonably be expected to result in the reversal or modification of the judgment of conviction.

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The Board of County Commissioners of Frederick County shall provide such secretarial assistance and room for the use of the public defender, and such office furniture and supplies as may be necessary to properly conduct the business of his office. Such expenses shall be a charge on Frederick County.

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The expense of printing briefs on appeal on behalf of a defendant represented by a public defender shall be a charge to the State of Maryland.

11A-6.

The public defender shall keep a record of all services rendered by him in the exercise of his office and shall file an annual report with the Board of County Commissioners of Frederick County.

11A-7.

The annual salary of the public defender shall be fixed by the County Commissioners and he shall be reimbursed for such incidental expenses as he may incur in the official course of his duties, provided that he has secured the prior approval of the Board of County Commissioners before incurring such expenses. The Board of County Commissioners may, in its discretion, fix as a condition of employment or continued employment that the Public Defender may not engage in the private practice of law while holding office.

11A-8.

Nothing contained herein shall preclude a court, on its own motion, or upon application by the public defender ~~or by the indigent defendant~~, from appointing an attorney other than the public defender