

Defined terms: "Indigent individual" § 16-101  
"Office" § 16-101

## 16-212. LIENS.

### (A) REASONABLE VALUE OF SERVICES.

THE REASONABLE VALUE OF THE SERVICES RENDERED TO AN INDIGENT INDIVIDUAL IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS TITLE IS A LIEN ON REAL OR PERSONAL PROPERTY IN WHICH THE INDIGENT INDIVIDUAL HAS OR ACQUIRES AN INTEREST, EXCEPT FOR THE RESIDENCE OF THE INDIGENT INDIVIDUAL.

### (B) PERFECTION OF LIEN.

TO PERFECT THE LIEN, THE PUBLIC DEFENDER SHALL SUBMIT TO THE COURT HAVING JURISDICTION IN THE MATTER AN AFFIDAVIT SETTING FORTH THE SERVICES RENDERED TO THE INDIGENT INDIVIDUAL AND THEIR REASONABLE VALUE.

### (C) HEARING.

(1) THE COURT SHALL SET A HEARING DATE AND SHALL NOTIFY THE INDIGENT INDIVIDUAL OF THE DATE AND THE FACT THAT THE PUBLIC DEFENDER FILED AN AFFIDAVIT TO PERFECT THE LIEN.

#### (2) THE INDIGENT INDIVIDUAL MAY:

- (I) APPEAR;
- (II) BE REPRESENTED BY AN ATTORNEY;
- (III) PRESENT EVIDENCE; AND
- (IV) EXAMINE WITNESSES.

(3) THE INDIGENT INDIVIDUAL MAY CONTEST THE AFFIDAVIT.

(4) IF THE COURT DETERMINES THAT THE PUBLIC DEFENDER IS NOT ENTITLED TO A LIEN, THE PROCEEDING SHALL BE DISMISSED.