## Public Input to the South Carolina House of Representatives Legislative Oversight Committee

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## Page 2: About Agencies Scheduled for Study

**Q1** Please share any comments, suggestions or concerns you may have about these agencies, including any observations about the way the agency shares information online. Please note your responses will be posted online and may be included in a Committee report.

Commission on Indigent Defense

There was a lot of inquiry at the last meeting regarding the salaries of public defenders across the counties. I think you should also look at the pay of appellate defenders, and inquire what specific factors weigh in determining salaries. If answered honestly, I think they will have to admit that they have no system in place to ensure that salaries are reflective of general experience level, years of service at SCCID, and the quality of work performed. I am not suggesting that win rates are a reliable factor. Criminal appeals are difficult to win - the law and facts are usually against us. However, if you pull a sample of work from Rob Pachak, who is the 3rd highest paid attorney in the office, you will find that the quality of his work is far below many others. While tenure is important, it is more important that we provide QUALITY legal service to the indigent clients who we serve.

Page 3: There are three questions seeking general information.

Q2 What is your age?	Prefer not to answer
Q3 Which best describes your current role?	State employee of an agency currently under study by the House Legislative Oversight Committee
Q4 In which county do you live?	Respondent skipped this question