## **Selection and Payment of Rule 608 Contract Attorneys**

Flow Chart as of June 2018

Private practice attorney submits application to the Office of Indigient Defense (OID) to participatie in the Rule 608 contract program

(March 1 - 31)

Contracts, for one fiscal year, are awarded to the private practice attorneys (contracts are drafted by OID and approved by the Commission) (May)

Contracts begin at start of state fiscal year (July 1) Within 15 days of assignment to the case, the contract attorney registers the case and sumbits a voucher for payment to OID through OID's website

Upon closure of case, the contract attorney submits his timesheet to OID through OID's website



















Applications reviewed and screened by committee comprised on one OID staff member, members of the Commission on Indigent Defense (Commission), and representatives from the S.C. Bar (April)

New orientation and/or training for private practice attorneys conducted by OID (June) Clerk of Court

OR

Circuit Public

Defender assigns

cases to private

attorney on OID's

list of contract

attorneys

approved for the

year\*

Flat fee is paid electronically to contract attorney through OID website (within 30 days of OID approving the voucher for payment submitted by the contract attorney)

\*NOTE: Clerk of Court assigns cases in post-conviction relief (PCR), sexually violent predator (SVP), and Family Court Cases if person is indigent.

The Circuit Defender assigns cases in criminal matters if (1) the defendant was determined to be indigent, and (2) a Public Defender is appointed AND a conflict of interest exists that prevents the Public Defender from representing the defendant.