

ILS Appellate Standards

In 2023, ILS issued Revised Appellate Standards and Best Practices, pursuant to authority conferred upon the agency by Executive Law § 832. These Standards address qualifications, training, and oversight; the duties of appellate counsel; and special ethical considerations. For both criminal defense and family law appeals, the Standards are designed to help offices implement appropriate procedures to support high-quality representation and to guide appellate attorneys in appellate best practices and procedures. They also exemplify the complexity of appellate representation and the need for adequate funding to support offices and attorneys in delivering representation that effectuates clients' constitutional and statutory rights to meaningful representation by appellate counsel.

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