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Joseph Sommers
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Re: SPD certification

Dear Mr. Sommers:

I have read the enclosed report from the Director of our Assigned Counsel Division regarding your representation of two public defender clients. The conduct is very concerning. This report provides more than enough good reason to suspend some of your certifications and proceed with a further investigation.

Based on the report of Deborah Smith dated February 15, 2012 and pursuant to Administrative Code PD 1.03(3)(a)1, I am suspending your certification for Trial 4 cases (Class A felonies) and Trial 3B cases (Class B - C, Ch. 980). A copy of the report and the Administrative Code section is enclosed. Ms. Smith will conduct the investigation. Failure to cooperate with the investigation may be grounds for decertification.

If you have any questions about the process, please contact Ms. Smith. Hopefully, we will be able to bring this investigation to a conclusion in a timely way.

Sincerely,

Kelli S Thompson
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