

31.219 Appeal by public advocacy attorney.

- (1) It shall be the duty of the attorney providing representation under this chapter to file a notice of appeal after a proceeding from which an appeal is authorized if his or her client requests an appeal.
- (2) After the trial attorney providing representation under this chapter has filed a notice of appeal as required by the Rules of Criminal Procedure, he or she shall forward to the Appeals Branch of the Department of Public Advocacy a copy of the final judgment, the notice of appeal, a statement of any errors committed in the trial of the case which should be raised on appeal, and a designation of that part of the record that is essential to the appeal.
- (3) Any attorney providing representation under this chapter on an appeal and who, after a conscientious examination of the appeal believes the appeal to be wholly frivolous after careful examinations of the record, may request the court to which the appeal has been taken for permission to withdraw from the case. The attorney shall file with that request a brief which sets forth any arguments which might possibly be raised on appeal. A copy of the request for permission to withdraw and the brief shall be served upon the client in sufficient time so that the client may raise any argument he or she chooses to raise.

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