

**31.215 Acceptance of fees by public advocacy attorneys prohibited -- Exceptions.
(Effective until July 15, 2026)**

- (1) Except for attorneys appointed pursuant to KRS 620.100, 625.041, 625.080, and 31.120, no attorney employed by the Department of Public Advocacy shall accept any fees for the representation of any needy person as defined in this chapter from that person or anyone for his or her benefit and the fees for representation of that person shall be limited to the fees provided in this chapter. "Fees" shall include cash, property, or other pecuniary benefits of any kind.
- (2) Any attorney employed by the Department of Public Advocacy who receives or attempts to collect a fee from a needy person as prohibited by subsection (1) above shall be guilty of a Class D felony.

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History: Amended 2023 Ky. Acts ch. 144, sec. 3, effective July 1, 2024. -- Repealed, reenacted, and renumbered 2002 Ky. Acts ch. 283, sec. 15, effective July 15, 2002. -- Amended 1992 Ky. Acts ch. 241, sec. 3, effective July 14, 1992. -- Amended 1978 Ky. Acts ch. 155, sec. 39, effective June 17, 1978. -- Created 1976 (1st Extra. Sess.) Ky. Acts ch. 24, sec. 2.

Formerly codified as KRS 31.250.