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Policy

- A. The Commissioner shall appoint, and make available to the court, qualified probation officers.
- B. Probation officers are employees of the Department of Corrections (Executive Branch of Government) and thus subject to direction of their supervisor's.
- C. Probation officers made available to the courts shall be officers of the Superior Court and subject to the authority of the Superior Court in the discharge of their official duties in regards to probation services.

Procedures

- A. Notification to the Court. The Chief Probation Officer shall ensure that the presiding judge is notified when a probation officer has been hired and is available to the court.
- B. Duty to the Superior Court. As an Officer of the court the probation officer has a special obligation to be considerate and respectful in conduct and communications to the court.
- C. Contempt. As an Officer of the Court a probation officer may be found in contempt of the authority of the court for misbehavior in office, or other willful neglect or violation of duty.
- D. Conflict: Concerns over conflicting direction received from the court should be directed to the probation officer's supervisor and reviewed by the Assistant Attorney General assigned to the department.

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Authority:

- AS 33.05.020
- AS 33.05.030
- AS 33.05.040
- AS 33.05.050
- AS 33.05.070
- AS 33.16.180
- AS 33.30.021
- AS 44.28.030