

441—95.8(252B) Child support services attorney.

95.8(1) *State's representative.* An assistant attorney general, assistant county attorney, or independent contract attorney employed by or under contract with child support services represents only the state of Iowa. The sole attorney-client relationship for the child support services attorney is between the attorney and the state of Iowa. A private attorney acting under Iowa Code section 252B.6A is not a child support services attorney and is not a party to the action.

95.8(2) *Provision of services.* The special role of the child support services attorney is limited by the attorney-client relationship between the attorney and the state of Iowa. The provision of legal services by the child support services attorney is limited as follows:

a. The child support services attorney will not represent any person or entity other than the state of Iowa in the course of the attorney's employment by or contractual relationship with child support services.

b. Child support services will issue written disclosure of the attorney-client relationship between the attorney and the state of Iowa to recipients of child support services and to all parties in a review and adjustment proceeding.

95.8(3) *Communication concerning case circumstances.*

a. Child support services will provide case status information upon written request by any recipient of child support enforcement services or any party under the review and adjustment procedure unless otherwise prohibited by state or federal statute or rules pertaining to confidentiality.

b. All communications with other parties will be directed to those parties personally unless a licensed attorney has entered an appearance or notified child support services in writing that the attorney is representing a party. If any party is represented by counsel, all communications will be directed to counsel for that party.

c. When a party is receiving public assistance, child support services will refer any suspected fraud or questionable FIP expenditures to the appropriate governmental agencies.

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