

**481—9.1(232,815) Definitions.** As used in these rules, unless the context otherwise requires, the following definitions apply:

“*Attorney*” means an individual licensed to practice law by the Iowa supreme court.

“*Claim*” means an application or request for payment.

“*Claimant*” means a person, firm, association, partnership, corporation, or other business entity authorized by law to apply to the indigent defense fund, pursuant to Iowa Code section 815.11, for payments for services provided to, or made on behalf of, an indigent. In juvenile cases, “claimant” may also include a county.

“*County base*” means the amount of private attorney, witness and mileage fees in juvenile cases for which the county remains liable pursuant to Iowa Code section 232.141.

“*Court-appointed attorney*” means an attorney appointed by the court to represent an indigent person whether the attorney is a public defender or private attorney.

“*Date of service*” means “date of service” as defined by the state public defender in rule 493—7.1(13B,815).

“*Department*” means the department of inspections and appeals.

“*Expert witness*” means a person who is retained to render an opinion regarding an issue relevant to a case, whether or not the person actually testifies in court.

“*Indigent*” means a person entitled to legal representation as defined in Iowa Code section 815.9.

“*Private attorney*” means an attorney who is not a public defender.

“*Public defender*” means an attorney who is the state public defender, an assistant state public defender, the state appellate defender, an assistant state appellate defender, a local public defender, or an assistant local public defender.

“*State public defender*” means the state public defender appointed pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 13B and those other persons authorized to act on behalf of the state public defender.

“*Timely claims*” means claims processed prior to the close of the state’s fiscal year accounting books for the fiscal year of the date of service.