

**493—11.5(13B) Contract renewal.** Prior to renewal of any contract, the state public defender may contact judges, attorneys, court personnel, and others to determine if any existing contract is being properly fulfilled and may conduct such additional investigation as is described in rule 493—11.4(13B). If the state public defender has determined that a contract renewal is in the best interests of the state, the state public defender may offer a new contract to the contracting attorney. The contracting attorney may accept the new contract by signing the contract renewal and returning it to the state public defender prior to the date that the existing contract expires. If the contracting attorney does not sign and return the contract renewal, the contract shall terminate on its expiration date without regard to whether the contracting attorney receives any further notice. If a contracting attorney is not offered a contract renewal, the state public defender shall give the contracting attorney written notice of this action. The attorney may seek reconsideration of this decision in the manner prescribed in rule 493—11.8(13B).

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