

493—11.9(13B,17A) Reconsideration.

11.9(1) *Written notice.* A request for reconsideration is perfected by giving written notice of the request for reconsideration to the state public defender within ten business days of the date of mailing of the notice of denial of an initial or renewal contract, or notice of termination following issuance of a notice of default. A request for reconsideration must be in writing and must specify the factual or legal errors the attorney contends were made by the state public defender. The attorney may provide such additional information, explanation or documentation as the attorney believes would be relevant to the reconsideration decision. The request for reconsideration is deemed made on the date of the United States Postal Service nonmetered postmark or the date of personal service on the state public defender.

11.9(2) *Exhaustion of administrative remedies.* A request for reconsideration of the state public defender's decision to deny or terminate a contract for cause is an administrative prerequisite to seeking any form of judicial review pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 17A.

11.9(3) *Informal conference.* Upon receipt of a request for reconsideration, the state public defender or a person designated by the state public defender may schedule an informal conference with the attorney if in the state public defender's judgment such a conference may foster resolution of the dispute. To the extent that the participation of the state public defender or a person designated by the state public defender in an informal conference could be considered personal investigation as that term is used in Iowa Code section 17A.17, an attorney agreeing to participate in an informal conference waives the right to seek to disqualify the state public defender or a person designated by the state public defender from acting as presiding officer or advising the presiding officer in a subsequent contested case proceeding based solely on the ground of personal investigation during an informal conference. The attorney does not waive the right to raise any other type of disqualification.

11.9(4) *Reconsideration decision.* The state public defender shall issue a written reconsideration decision which may uphold, reverse, or modify the initial decision to deny or terminate a contract. The reconsideration decision is final agency action, unless an attorney timely requests a contested case hearing pursuant to rule 11.10(13B,17A).