



## **Policy Monitor Report – Review of Erath County Indigent Defense Systems**

**Initial Report Released:** January 18, 2012

**First Follow-up Report Released:** June 25, 2013

**Second Follow-up Report Released:** November 2, 2016

### **Summary of Findings**

#### **Prompt and Accurate Magistrate Warnings**

**2012 Recommendation:** Erath County must implement procedures to ensure that arrestees are given assistance in completing necessary forms for requesting counsel at the time of magistration and must then forward these requests to the appointing authority within 24 hours of the request being made. **(Resolved in 2013 Review)**

**2012 Recommendation:** Erath County must implement procedures to accept and transmit requests for counsel for persons arrested on out-of-county warrants. **(Resolved in 2013 Review)**

#### **Minimum Attorney Qualifications**

**2012 Recommendation:** Erath County must implement procedures to maintain documentation showing that attorneys on the adult appointment lists met their minimum CLE requirements and attorneys on the juvenile appointment list met their minimum CLE requirements. **(Resolved in 2013 Review)**

#### **Timely Appointment of Counsel - Adults**

**2012 Recommendation:** Erath County must implement processes that ensure timely appointment of counsel in felony cases. **(Resolved in 2013 Review)**

#### **Timely Appointment of Counsel - Juveniles**

**2012 Recommendation:** Erath County must implement processes that ensure timely appointment of counsel for juveniles when there is a detention hearing and there is a decision to detain the juvenile. **(Resolved in 2016 Review)**