



**STATE OF FLORIDA  
DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE**

**INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM**

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**DATE:** November 24, 2010

**TO:** Regional Directors for Residential Services

**FROM:**  Darryl Olson, Assistant Secretary for Residential Services

**SUBJECT:** Interim Policy: "Attorney of Record"

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Rule 63E-7, Florida Administrative Code, "Operation of Residential Programs" refers to the youth's "attorney of record" as it relates to visitation, correspondence and other matters related to youth rights. However, the rule does not currently define the term "attorney of record."

We will be opening Rule 63E-7 for public comment related to a number of provisions, including a definition of the term "attorney of record." Our proposed definition will be established in Section 63E-7.002 (6) which states: "Attorney of Record- An attorney licensed to practice law in the State of Florida who represents the child on a previous or pending case or an attorney who has entered into a signed agreement with the child's parent to provide representation for the child."

The purpose of this policy is to establish an operational definition of the term "attorney of record" pending promulgation of the amended rule.

Effective immediately, reference to the term "attorney of record" as stated in Rule 63E-7, Florida Administrative Code, will be interpreted according to the above definition.

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