

Review of Studies Regarding the Number of Hours Required to Provide Competent Representation in State Post-Conviction for Capital Cases

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The American Bar Association is supporting Louisiana capital defenders in a project to oppose Louisiana's anticipated application for certification under Chapter 154 of Title 28 of the United States Code. Chapter 154 provides expedited procedures and limitations on federal habeas review in states that guarantee death-sentenced prisoners competent counsel and the litigation resources necessary to develop constitutional claims in state proceedings, with certification determined by the U.S. Attorney General. If Louisiana is certified, federal courts will likely be unable to hear or correct serious claims of constitutional error, including ineffective assistance of counsel and racial bias in capital cases. This project reviewed studies done about the number of hours required to provide competent representation in state post-conviction proceedings in capital cases.

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