

**Attorney Certification of Initial Client Interview Before Post-Arrest Court Proceeding**

PURSUANT TO MIDC STANDARD 2

MIDC Standard 2 requires assigned criminal defense counsel to conduct a client interview “as soon as practicable after appointment to represent the defendant in order to obtain information necessary to provide quality representation at the early stages of the case and to provide the client with information concerning counsel’s representation and the case proceedings.” When the client is not in custody, assigned counsel must (1) promptly deliver an introductory communication so that the client may follow-up and schedule a meeting, and (2) conduct the initial interview with the client sufficiently before any subsequent court proceeding so as to be prepared for that proceeding.\*

Assigned counsel conducting the initial client interview with a **custodial or non-custodial** client will be compensated for the visit upon submitting this certification that it occurred before any post arraignment court proceeding. The certification should be attached to a request for payment.

State of Michigan v. \_\_\_\_\_

District Case No. \_\_\_\_\_ CTN \_\_\_\_\_

Appointed Attorney \_\_\_\_\_ P \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Appointment \_\_\_\_\_

*(Choose one and specify)*

DATE of Custodial Visit \_\_\_\_\_

In Person

Zoom

DATE of Non-Custodial Communication \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail

U.S Mail

Phone

Other \_\_\_\_\_

**This will certify, in accordance with MCR 1.109(E)(5), that the initial custodial visit was held within three business days of my appointment or that I delivered an introductory communication to my non-custodial client so that the initial visit could occur following arraignment on the felony warrant and before any subsequent court proceeding.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Appointed Attorney (signature and P-number)

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Information regarding Standard 2 can be found at: <https://michiganidc.gov/standards/#tab-id-2>