



Interstate Commission
for Adult Offender Supervision
ICAOS Policies

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ACCESSING LEGAL COUNSEL 02-2004

I. Authority

The Executive Committee is vested with the power to adopt a policy on behalf of the Interstate Commission during periods when the Interstate Commission is not in session. The Executive Committee oversees the day-to-day activities managed by the Executive Director.

II. Applicability

This policy applies to Commissioners, Compact Administrators, Deputy Compact Administrators, State Legal Representatives and all persons engaged in the business of the Compact.

III. Policy

A. Advisory Opinion Issuance

Under Commission Rule 6.101, Commissioners, Compact Administrators, Deputy Compact Administrators, State Legal Representatives, and all other persons engaged in the business of the Compact may submit a formal or informal request in writing or by email to the Executive Director for assistance in interpreting compact rules. The Executive Director may seek the assistance of legal counsel, the Executive Committee, or both, in interpreting the rules. The Executive Committee may authorize standing committees to assist in rule interpretation. Interpretations of the rules shall be issued in writing by the Executive Director or the Executive Committee and shall be circulated to all states.

B. Access to Counsel

Compact officers and their states may only access the Legal Counsel of the Commission through the Executive Director. Legal Counsel of the Commission shall not communicate directly to anyone in regard to their scope of responsibility to the Commission or engage in direct communication with applicable parties without the knowledge and consent of the Executive Director or Executive Committee.