

### 8. *Privileged Communications.*

*All communications between the individual defendant and any person in or engaged by the Public Defender shall be fully protected by the attorney-client privilege to the same extent and degree as though counsel had been privately engaged. This in no way precludes the use by the Public Defender of material in his files, otherwise privileged, for the preparation and disclosure of statistical, case study, and other sociological data provided always that in any such use there shall be no disclosure of the identity of particular defendants.*

### 9. BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

(A) THERE IS HEREBY CREATED A BOARD OF TRUSTEES WHICH SHALL BE COMPOSED OF THREE (3) MEMBERS, OF WHICH TWO SHALL CONSTITUTE A QUORUM FOR ALL BUSINESS. TWO OF THE MEMBERS SHALL BE ACTIVE ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW, ADMITTED TO PRACTICE BEFORE THE COURT OF APPEALS OF MARYLAND. THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD SHALL BE RESIDENTS OF THE STATE AND SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR FOR TERMS OF THREE YEARS. ANY VACANCY OCCURRING IN THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES DURING THE TERM OF ANY MEMBER SHALL BE FILLED BY THE GOVERNOR FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE UNEXPIRED TERM. THE TRUSTEES SHALL ANNUALLY DESIGNATE A CHAIRMAN WHO SHALL PRESIDE OVER AND REPRESENT THE INTERESTS OF THE BOARD IN CARRYING OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE.

(B) THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES SHALL HOLD AT LEAST ONE REGULAR ANNUAL MEETING AT A TIME AND PLACE TO BE DESIGNATED BY THE CHAIRMAN. ADDITIONAL MEETINGS SHALL BE HELD AS NECESSARY AND MAY BE CALLED UPON NOTICE BY THE CHAIRMAN OR UPON THE REQUEST OF ANY TWO MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.

(C) THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES SHALL STUDY AND OBSERVE THE OPERATION OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER OFFICE, SHALL COORDINATE THE ACTIVITIES OF THE DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARDS, SHALL ADVISE THE PUBLIC DEFENDER WITH RESPECT TO PANELS OF ATTORNEYS, FEES, AND ANY OTHER MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE OPERATION OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER SYSTEM.

(D) MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES SHALL SERVE WITHOUT COMPENSATION, EXCEPT THAT THEY SHALL BE REIMBURSED FOR NECESSARY EXPENSES, INCLUDING TRAVEL, ACTUALLY INCURRED IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR DUTIES.

### 9. 10. *District Advisory Boards.*

*(a) In each district, there is hereby created a District Advisory Board, which shall be composed of five (5) members, of which three shall constitute a quorum for all business. One of the members shall be a judge of the Circuit Court or District Court in the district, and the other four of the members shall be active attorneys-at-law,*