END CONTINUED COMMITMENT

Equal Protection for Acquittees at End of Maximum Term of Commitment

What we think the law should be:



We believe that the decision maker should be a judge in Probate Court following the legal standards for civil commitment.



Current law:

The state's attorney can file a motion in Superior Court for continued commitment of the acquittee. The court forwards the petition to the PSRB for consideration. If the PSRB thinks person "needs" to stay in the hospital (or under their supervision in an outpatient setting), they recommend recommitment and the cycle starts again.

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