**Section 350.100 Authority and Purpose**

a) Authority

The Legal Advocacy Service is a division of the Guardianship and Advocacy Commission and is statutorily charged with the duty to *make available legal counsel to persons with disabilities in judicial proceedings arising out of the Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Code*, or related laws, local, State, or federal. [20 ILCS 3955/10] The Guardianship and Advocacy Act [20 ILCS 3955] (the Act) further charges that the Commission shall evaluate an eligible person's ability to pay for legal advocacy services received and charge fees for those services.

b) Purpose

The purpose of this Part is to establish the procedures to be used in assessing fees for legal advocacy services.

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