#### Department of Veterans Affairs M29-1, Part 6, Chapter 19

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#### Key Changes

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| Changes Included in This Revision | The table below describes the changes included in this revision of Veterans Benefits Insurance Manual M29-1, Part 6, Chapter 19 Attorney’s Fees.  ***Notes***:   * **M29-1, Part 6, Chapter 19** has been rewritten in its entirety for the purpose of improving clarity and readability. Any substantive changes are itemized in the table below. * Minor editorial changes have also been made to * improve clarity and readability * add references * update incorrect or obsolete references * update obsolete terminology, where appropriate * reorganize/relocate content within **M29-1, Part 6, Chapter 19** so that it flows more logically * reassign alphabetical designations to individual blocks, where necessary, to account for new and/or deleted blocks within a topic * update the labels of individual blocks and the titles of sections and topics to more accurately reflect their content, and * bring the document into conformance with M29-1 standards. |

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| Reason(s) for Notable Change | Citation |
| Deleted entire all prior subchapters as they are obsolete and contain outdated legal references | Prior Subchapters 19.01 and 19.02 |
| Updates statutory and regulatory references; specifies that any fee agreement must be in writing, signed by both parties to the agreement; specifies the information that must be included in the agreement; specifies whether VA will pay the agent out of past-due VA benefits; states that any fee agreement must be filed with VA’s Office of General Counsel within 30 days of its execution; and explains the circumstances under which a court will determine the amount of reasonable fees in such an agreement | New Subchapter 19.01 |
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