

**ANDREWS COUNTY
ATTORNEY FEE SCHEDULE AND COMPENSATION
FOR COURT APPOINTED ATTORNEYS**

Attorneys for adult cases shall be compensated under the following schedule:

- 1) Misdemeanor: \$75.00 per hour with \$500 minimum
- 2) Felony: \$100 per hour with \$750 minimum
- 3) Felony: \$150 per hearing (arraignment, status, and pre-trial) for out of town attorneys

e.g., Attorney appears for a Status hearing, pre-trial, and plea hearing:

Status \$150 + Pre-trial \$150 + Plea \$750 = \$1,050

e.g., Attorney appears for arraignment, status, pre-trial, and plea hearing:

arraignment \$150 + Status \$150 + Pre-trial \$150 + Plea \$750 = \$1,200

- 4) Appeal-felony: \$100 per hour with \$750.00 minimum
- 5) Appeal-misdemeanor: \$750
- 6) Capital Felony Cases

i. The Regional Public Defender for Capital Cases shall be appointed to all capital felony cases unless good cause exists to appoint private counsel.

1. If a co-defendant requests appointment of counsel and is determined to be indigent, the Appointing Authority shall appoint counsel pursuant to the standards and procedures stated in this Section.

2. If private counsel is appointed to a co-defendant, rather the Regional Public Defender for Capital Cases, co-counsel will be appointed using the standards and procedures stated in this Section.

ii. The Regional Public Defender for Capital Cases may refuse to accept appointment to a case if:

1. A conflict of interest exists;

2. The Office has insufficient resources to provide adequate representation;

3. The Office is incapable of providing representation in accordance with the rules of professional conduct;

4. Acceptance of the appointment would violate the maximum allowable caseloads established for the office; or

5. The Office shows other good cause for refusing appointment.

iii. The Appointing Authority shall immediately contact the attorneys appointed by phone, fax, e-mail or in person and notify the attorneys of the appointment and the last known location of the defendant.

7) Multiple cases, same defendant; or multiple defendants, same case; disposed of before the Court by plea agreement at the same time or pursuant to the same agreement, including dismissal which dispose of the case (not including, for example, dismissals because of re-indictment) First case or defendant \$750.00 minimum Second case or defendant \$240.00 minimum Third and all additional cases or defendants, each \$120.00 minimum payment amount for multiple cases for the same defendant that are resolved concurrently will be determined by the presiding judge.

Attorneys for juvenile cases shall be compensated under the following schedule:

- 1) Detention hearing(s): \$250
- 2) Routine Adjudication and Disposition hearing(s): \$500
- 3) Contested hearing(s) and trial(s): \$75 per hour
- 4) Appeal(s): \$750

The Court may deviate from this schedule for good cause.

Payment vouchers received more than one (1) year after disposition of the case will be rejected unless presiding judge at his or her discretion approves payment.