

Attorney Fee Schedule

Compensation for time spent in preparation and trial of the cause, found to be reasonable and necessary by the Court, shall be \$80 per hour out of court and \$100 per hour in court.

Travel time is not allowed to be compensated unless prior approval is received from the Court in writing.

Compensation for time spent in preparation and appeal of the cause to any higher court, found to be reasonable and necessary by the Court, shall be \$80 per hour out of court and \$100 per hour in court.

Appointed attorneys shall file their request for fees with the Court no later than sixty (60) days after judgment has been entered in the cause. It is also acceptable to bill incrementally as the case progresses. Failure to request compensation within said sixty days will relieve the Court of any obligation to pay appointed counsel, unless appointed counsel can provide the Court with a legitimate reason, in writing, for the delayed request. The appointing judge is the sole determiner of whether or not to allow a late request for payment. If the attorney is appointed on appeal, a request for payment for preparation and presentation of an appeal shall be presented to the trial court not more than sixty (60) days after completion of oral argument or deadline for filing petitioner's brief, whichever is later.

No payment shall be made until the provided form entitled *Motion & Order for Court Appointed Fees* is submitted to and approved by the Court.

If an attorney submits a timely request for compensation that is not fully approved by the Court, or that is reduced below the per hour rate, the attorney may appeal the decision to the Presiding Judge of the Fourth Administrative Region as provided in Section 26.05, Code of Criminal Procedure.