


Addendum 3
Joint Order Adopting Fee Schedule for Court-Appointed Attorneys Providing Indigent Defense in the Courts of Bell County

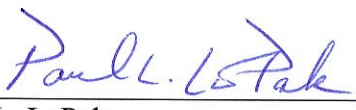
Effective August 1, 2023, fees for indigent defense by court-appointed attorneys adopted by the Judges hearing criminal cases are as follows:

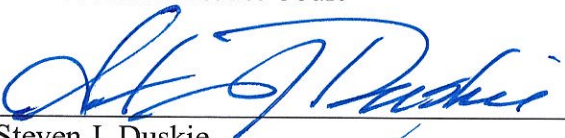
Fixed Fee Schedule for Non-Trial Dispositions in Felony Cases (Plea and sentence; discovery and dismissal; & motions to adjudicate/revoke probation)	
State Jail	\$550 per case
3rd Degree	\$650 per case
2nd Degree	\$900 per case
1st Degree	\$1000 per case
Capital Murder Cases (regardless of whether the State seeks death penalty)	No fixed fee, hourly rate only. See below.
Motions to substitute (greater than 30 days)	State Jail - \$450 3rd Degree - \$550 2nd Degree - \$650 1st Degree - \$750
Motions to substitute (less than 30 days)	State Jail - \$300 3rd Degree - \$400 1st/2nd Degree - \$500
Additional cases for same Defendant	\$50
Hourly Fee Schedule for Non-Trial Dispositions in Felony Cases (Plea and Sentence; Discovery and Dismissal; & motions to adjudicate/revoke probation) Counsel appointed to 2nd Degree and 1st Degree cases may bill on an hourly basis for services rendered. If counsel elects to bill on an hourly basis, counsel shall submit itemized invoices reflecting the date, service performed, and time expended to the nearest 1/10th of an hour, based on the fee schedule below, and up to the maximum cap. * Fees in excess of the cap must be specifically approved by the court <u>in advance of being incurred</u> * State Jail and 3rd Degree cases shall ordinarily be paid based on the fixed fee schedule above. In limited circumstances, for non-standard cases, the Court may authorize payment based on hourly billing in advance of costs being incurred.	
Non-Standard 3rd Degree and SJF Cases	\$75 per hour, with a cap of \$1000 per case
2nd Degree	\$80 per hour, with a cap of \$1500 per case
1st Degree	\$85 per hour, with a cap of \$2000 per case
Capital Murder Cases	\$85 per hour
Fee Schedule for Cases Disposed by Trial	
First Chair	
Full Day	\$850
Half Day	\$425
Trial preparation hours	See hourly fee schedule above

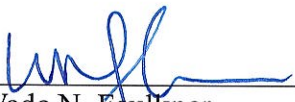
<i>Second Chair</i>	
Full day	\$450
Half day	\$225
Trial preparation hours Defined as substantive contributions to the defense of a case.	\$70 per hour for 2nd degree and below \$75 per hour for 1st degree \$80 per hour for Capital cases
Felony Appeals	
Appeals from trial or other contested matter	\$80 per hour.
Investigator fees <i>Note: Investigators will not be paid for time in court without prior authorization from the Judge.</i>	
1st Degree and Capital Cases	May expend up to \$1000 in investigator fees without court authorization at the rate of \$75 per hour.
All other cases	\$75 per hour <i>with prior court approval</i>
Fee Schedule in Misdemeanor Cases Misdemeanor cases shall ordinarily be paid based on the fixed fee schedule below. In limited circumstances, for non-standard cases, the Court may authorize payment based on hourly billing in advance of costs being incurred.	
Case disposition (dismissal, plea, revocation, or motion to adjudicate)	\$300 per case
Additional case(s) pending against same defendant	\$50 per case, up to a maximum of \$100
Trial	\$400 per half day
Motions to substitute (greater than 30 days)	\$250 per case
Motions to substitute (less than 30 days)	\$150 per case
Appeals	\$70 per hour
Mental health docket	Additional \$100 per case in addition to above fees
Non-standard hourly rate	\$75 per hour
Fee Schedule in Juvenile Cases Juvenile cases shall ordinarily be paid based on the fixed fee schedule below. In limited circumstances, for non-standard cases, the Court may authorize payment based on hourly billing in advance of costs being incurred.	
Felony case disposition	\$550 per case
Misdemeanor case disposition	\$400 per case
Additional cases	\$50 for each additional case
Trial	\$425 per half day
Motions to substitute (greater than 30 days)	\$250 per case
Motions to substitute (less than 30 days)	\$200 per case

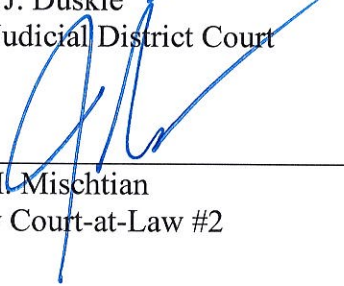
Appeals	\$70 per hour with a maximum of \$1500. Fees in excess of this cap must be specifically approved by the court in advance of being incurred.
Mental health docket	Additional \$100 per case in addition to above fees
Non-standard hourly rate	\$75 per hour with a maximum of \$2000. Counsel may bill on an hourly basis if desired. If so, counsel shall submit itemized invoices reflecting the date, service performed, and time expended to the nearest 1/10th of an hour. Fees in excess of the cap must be specifically approved by the court in advance of being incurred.
Investigator fees in juvenile cases <i>Note: Investigators will not be paid for time in court without prior authorization from the Judge.</i>	
Certification and Determinate Sentence Cases	May expend up to \$1000 in investigator fees without court authorization at the rate of \$75 per hour.
All other cases	\$75 per hour <i>with prior court approval</i>
Veteran's Treatment Court Attorneys appointed to represent indigent defendants in the Veteran's Treatment Court shall be paid in accordance with the terms of the contract(s) for defender representation in that court.	
Drug Court Attorneys appointed to represent indigent defendants in the Veteran's Treatment Court shall be paid in accordance with the terms of the contract(s) for defender representation in that court.	

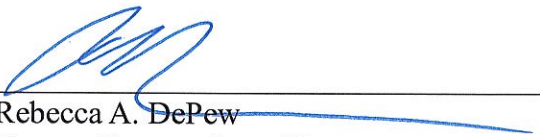

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