

1.) BEXAR COUNTY JUVENILE BOARD'S FEE SCHEDULE FOR THE COMPENSATION OF COUNSEL APPOINTED TO DEFEND-EFFECTIVE FOR ALL VOUCHERS SUBMITTED AFTER October 1, 2023

The juvenile board hereby adopts the following schedule of fees for appointed counsel:

SERVICE	MISD.& CINS	SJF, 3 ⁰	2 ^o	DETERMINATE OR HABITUAL FELONY, C&T, CAPITAL MURDER & 1 ^o
Initial detention visit (Must include date)	150	150	150	150
Detention Hearings (Must include dates)	55	55	55	55
Court Appearance (Hourly Rate)	75	95	95	95
Evid. Hearing, & MTM (Hourly Rate)	75	100	110	125
Trial (Hourly Rate)	75	110	125	150
Out-of-Court Time (Hourly Rate) Need prior approval to exceed 30 hours on all felonies and 15 hours on all misd. & CINS cases	75	75	85	100
Flat Fee for Stipulations/ Dismissals	300	500	600	850 (Includes Release & Transfer Hearings & C&T Hearing)
Flat Fee for MTM Stipulations/ Dismissals	150	275	300	400
Transfer of Probation Hearings	150	200	250	330

For rules regarding multiple cases and multiple counts. see the attached guidelines # 4, 5 and 6.

Appeals and P.D.R.s:

Misd. & CINS: out of court \$75/hour
 in court \$75/hour
 *cap of \$1100
 **cap of \$550 for appeals of stipulations, non-jury trials, an/or motions to modify

3°, SJF out of court \$60/hour
 in court \$165/hour
 *cap of \$4400
 **cap of \$1100 for appeals of stipulations, non-jury trials, an/or motions to modify

2° out of court \$70/hour
 in court \$165/hour
 *cap of \$4400
 **cap of \$1100 for appeals of stipulations, non-jury trials, an/or motions to modify

Determinate or out of court \$85/hour
Habitual Felony, in court \$165/hour
C&T, Capital *cap of \$7200
Murder & 1°

Investigator Fees:

Misd. & CINS: Up to \$250

3°, SJF Up to \$350

2° Up to \$550

Determinate or Up to \$800
Habitual Felony,
C&T, Capital
Murder & 1°

See guideline #10 for information regarding expert and investigative expenses.

GUIDELINES FOR SUBMISSION AND PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS

1. No claim will be paid unless properly submitted within one year of final disposition.
2. An itemization sheet must be attached showing detailed hours worked if the attorney is being paid on an hourly basis. Vouchers should be itemized on $\frac{1}{4}$ of an hour basis.
3. If an attorney chooses to be paid a flat fee for a case, no additional compensation, other than fees for initial detention visit and detention hearings will be paid.
4. For multiple cases, including petitions, MTMs, cases taken into consideration, and/or any combination of these, the attorney may choose to submit an itemized voucher or be paid a flat fee for the highest degree case charged by said petition(s) or motion(s).
5. For a petition with multiple counts, the attorney may choose to submit an itemized voucher or be paid a flat fee for the highest degree count within that petition.
6. A voucher combining hourly itemizations and flat fees on multiple cases/multiple counts will not be approved. An attorney must submit a voucher based either on a flat fee or hourly itemization of time spent handling the cases, and no combination of the two will be approved.
7. If the respondent has only one case on the docket, which is non-suited, the attorney will be paid for the dismissal on an hourly basis only. The case must have actually been filed to be paid as a dismissal. A maximum of 4 hours will be paid on any dismissal of a case, unless prior approval is received from the Court.
8. When an appointment is made on an appeal, it is expected that the attorney receiving the appointment and signing the voucher actually did the research and wrote the brief. If another person assisted the attorney of record, the voucher must reflect that person's name, the work performed by that person, and the amount, if any, that person was paid or promised for their services.
9. A copy of your brief must be submitted with your voucher for payment on appeal.
10. Appointed counsel may incur investigative or expert expenses without prior approval of the court. On presentation of a claim for reimbursement, the court shall order reimbursement of counsel for the expenses, if the expenses are reasonably necessary and reasonably incurred. Unreasonable expenses will not be approved. When possible, prior court approval should be obtained before incurring expenses for investigation and for mental health and other experts.
11. When it becomes necessary for the Court to appoint an attorney to advise and counsel a witness whose own testimony might subject that witness to potential criminal liability, counsel will be entitled to compensation at the hourly rate which would be payable if counsel had been appointed to represent the respondent in the case on trial.
12. If the County Auditor detects simple mathematical errors in a pay voucher, they will compute the voucher and pay it out based on their calculations.


13. The Court has discretion to reduce a voucher submitted for payment based on work product not reflecting the amount of time submitted or expended. If the Court to which a pay voucher is submitted for payment, disapproves the requested amount for payment, the Court shall make written findings stating the amount of payment that the Court approves and each reason for approving an amount different from the requested amount. An attorney who disputes the reduction of a pay voucher or who has not had their voucher acted upon within 60 days of submission may choose to have the voucher presented to a peer review committee or may appeal the disapproval by filing a motion with the presiding judge of the administrative judicial region in accordance with Article 26.05(c) of the Code of Criminal Procedure.

14. All work and visits submitted for payment must have actually been done by the attorney submitting the voucher.

15. In accordance with Article 26.05(c) of the Code of Criminal Procedure, this fee schedule takes into consideration reasonable and necessary overhead costs.

APPROVED, SIGNED, ORDERED and ENTERED this, the 8th day of August 2023. To be EFFECTIVE for vouchers submitted after OCTOBER 1, 2023.

These amendments to the Plan were approved by a majority of the judges of the Juvenile Board at the Juvenile Board Meeting held on August 8, 2023.

Attest: 

Judge David A. Canales,
Chair of the Juvenile Board