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**REQUEST FOR PAYMENT OF ATTORNEY'S FEES AND EXPENSES**

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DEPUTY

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Each attorney shall prepare a detailed statement of the nature of the services performed, the date of such performance, and the actual time spent on each such date and service, and shall submit to said statement with a verified affidavit to the trial judge within 15 days of the date of disposition of the case, whether by plea, bench trial, verdict, or upon mandate being returned in appeal.

If the trial judge disapproves the requested amount, the judge shall make written findings stating the amount of payment approved and the reasons for approving an amount different from the requested amount. The attorney whose request for payment, has been disapproved may, by written motion, file an appeal with the presiding judge of the administrative region.

THIS ORDER IS SIGNED AND EFFECTIVE ON THIS THE 1st DAY OF March, 2021, AND SAID ORDER SUPERSEDES ANY AND ALL PRIOR COURT STANDING ORDER FOR ATTORNEY'S FEES AND OTHER EXPENSE COMPENSATION.

*John L. Tidwell*  
HONORABLE JOHN L. TIDWELL  
202<sup>nd</sup> Judicial District Court

*William Miller*  
HONORABLE WILLIAM MILLER  
5<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court

*Jeff M. Addison*  
HONORABLE JEFF ADDISON  
102<sup>nd</sup> Judicial District Court

*Craig Henry*  
HONORABLE CRAIG HENRY  
County Court at Law

**NON-FELONY CASES (“Not guilty” or Not true” pleas)  
(Including Juvenile Cases Based on Charges of  
Misdemeanor Based Laws)**

1. Compensation for time spent by counsel out of court shall be  
ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$100.00) per hour
2. Compensation for time spent by counsel in court shall be  
ONE HUNDRED TWENTY FIVE DOLLARS AND NO CENTS  
(\$125.00) per hour.

**FELONY CASES (“Not guilty” or “Not true” pleas)  
(Including Juvenile Cases Based on Charges of  
Felony Based Laws and Felony Appellate Work)**

1. Compensation for time spent by counsel out of court shall  
be ONE HUNDRED TWENTY FIVE DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$125.00)  
per hour.
2. Compensation for time spent in court shall be ONE HUNDRED FIFTY  
DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$150.00) per hour.

**CAPITAL CASE COMPENSATION**

In a capital case, in which the state seeks the death penalty, the rates  
or the lead attorney’s services (first chair) shall be:

1. Compensation for time spent by counsel out of court shall  
be ONE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$150.00)  
per hour.

2. Compensation for time spent in court shall be ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY FIVE DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$175.00) per hour.

Any co-counsel (second or third chair) shall be:

1. Compensation for time spent by counsel out of court shall be ONE HUNDRED FORTY FIVE DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$145.00) per hour.
2. Compensation for time spent in court shall be ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$170.00) per hour.

The rates for appellate attorney services shall be at the same hourly rate paid to lead trial counsel.

**REIMBURSEMENT FOR REASONABLE EXPENSES FOR PURPOSES OF INVESTIGATION AND EXPERT TESTIMONY**

1. In misdemeanor and felony criminal cases appointed counsel will be reimbursed for reasonable expenses that are incurred with or without prior court approval. Reasonable expenses may include expenses incurred for investigation and expert testimony, and will be in addition to the total compensation referred to in Section I of this Order. Said reimbursement to the attorneys shall not exceed TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$25,000.00) in total expert fees unless, otherwise ordered by the Court.

2. In capital felony criminal cases, appointed counsel will be reimbursed for reasonable expense that are incurred with or without prior court approval. Reasonable expenses may include expenses reasonably incurred or expected to be incurred for investigative and expert testimony, and will be in addition to the total compensation referred to in Section II of this Order. Said reimbursement to attorneys shall not exceed TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$25,000.00) in total investigator fees and TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$2,500.00) in total expert fees unless, otherwise ordered by the Court.

**STANDING ORDER FOR COMPENSATION OF ATTORNEYS APPOINTED  
TO REPRESENT INDIGENT DEFENDANTS**

On the \_\_\_\_\_ day of January, 2021, the District Judges and the County Court at Law of Bowie County, Texas, after a duly called and conducted meeting and discussion, did unanimously adopt this schedule of fees concerning compensation of court-appointed counsel for indigent defendants and related expenses made pursuant to Article 26.05, Texas Rules of Civil Procedure;

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that compensation of court-appointed counsel and related expenses, made pursuant to a motion in the format prescribed by the appointing court, shall be as follows on a case-by-case basis as determined by the Judge:

Total compensation for appointed counsel services in the below listed misdemeanor, felony, and juvenile cases shall not exceed the following, unless the Court finds exceptional circumstances or that good cause for exceeding said total amount exists:

Guilty Plea – Misdemeanor	\$400.00
Guilty Plea – Felonies (State-Jail, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Degree, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Degree and 1 <sup>st</sup> Degree)	\$550.00

Guilty Plea – Multiple Cases	\$800.00
Dismissal of Filed Cases	\$500.00
Indictment Quashed	\$400.00
Pre-trial representation where case Never filed	\$350.00
Dismissal of file case/no guilty plea	\$500.00