**EXHIBIT “D”**

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

On the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2014, 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 $350.00

Guilty Plea – Felonies (State-Jail, 3rd Degree,

2nd Degree and 1st Degree) $500.00

Guilty Plea – Multiple Cases $750.00

Dismissal of Filed Case $400.00

Indictment Quashed $400.00

Pre-trial representation where case

Never filed $350.00

**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 not be less than SIXTY DOLLARS AND NO CENTS ($60.00) per hour nor more than EIGHTY DOLLARS AND NO CENTS ($80.00) per hour.
2. Compensation for time spent by counsel in court shall not be less than SEVENTY-FIVE DOLLARS AND NO CENTS ($75.00) per hour nor more than ONE HUNDRED TEN DOLLARS AND NO CENTS ($110.00) 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 not be less than SEVENTY FIVE DOLLARS AND NO CENTS ($75.00) per hour nor more than ONE HUNDRED TEN DOLLARS AND NO CENTS ($110.00) per hour.
2. Compensation for time spent in court shall not be less than EIGHTY FIVE DOLLARS AND NO CENTS ($85.00) per hour nor more than ONE HUNDRED TWENTY FIVE DOLLARS AND NO CENTS ($125.00) 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 based on an hourly rate

set by the Presiding Judge consistent with all legal guidelines applicable to

death penalty representations. Any co-counsel (second or third chair)

appointed by the Court shall be paid at the same rate as for non-capital

felony cases under this order. 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 FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS ($500.00) in total

expert fees.

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 TWO THOUSAND FIVE

HUNDRED DOLLARS ($2,500.00) in total investigator fees and TWO

THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS ($2,500.00) in total expert fees.

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

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 the 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 \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_, AND SAID ORDER SUPERSEDES ANY AND ALL PRIOR COURT STANDING ORDER FOR ATTORNEY’S FEES AND OTHER EXPENSE COMPENSATION.

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HONORABLE LEON F. PESEK, JR.

202nd Judicial District Court

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HONORABLE RALPH K. BURGESS

5TH Judicial District Court

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HONORABLE BOBBY LOCKHART

102nd Judicial District Court

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HONORABLE JEFF ADDISON

County Court at Law