**Attorney Application for Appointment in Criminal Cases in the 51st, 119th, 340thand 391st Judicial Districts**

(Coke, Concho, Irion, Runnels, Schleicher, Sterling and Tom Green Counties)

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**EDUCATION:**

l. Undergraduate School: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Year Graduated: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. Law School: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Year Graduated: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. Other relevant education: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. Date licensed to practice law in Texas: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Bar Card #: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
4. CLE: *Attach copy of your MCLE transcript from the State Bar of Texas.*
5. Are you certified as a criminal law specialist? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
6. Are you fluent in any language other than English? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ If so, which languages: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
7. Have you ever been sanctioned or reprimanded by the State Bar of Texas? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

If yes, explain on a separate sheet of paper.

1. Do you have any pending grievances with the State Bar of Texas? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**GENERAL EXPERIENCE:**

l. Have you ever served in a criminal prosecutor's office? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

If yes, when and where: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. Have you ever served as lead counsel in the defense or prosecution of a criminal case? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

If yes, approximately how many: Misdemeanors? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Felonies? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. Briefly describe on a separate sheet of paper your legal experience and the type of law you have practiced.

**TRIAL EXPERIENCE:**

**Civil or Family**: How many non-jury trials? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ How many jury trials? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Criminal Cases:**

How many years have you practiced criminal law in Texas? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

How many contested non-jury criminal cases have you tried? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Misdemeanors: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Felonies: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

How many criminal jury trials have you tried? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Misdemeanors: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Felonies: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever tried a capital felony case? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ If so, when: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Appellate Experience:**

How many briefs have you filed with an appellate court? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

How many oral arguments have you made to an appellate court? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Of these, how many were criminal cases? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**APPLICATION:**

I am applying to represent Defendants charged with the following categories of offense (check all that apply):

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ First Degree \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Second & Third Degree \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ SJF, MTRs

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Appellate \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Juvenile \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Misdemeanors

**CERTIFICATIONS:**

**I believe I am competent to represent defendants in criminal cases. I certify that I am in good standing with the State Bar of Texas, that I am familiar with the court system, the Texas Penal Code, the Code of Criminal Procedure, and the Texas Rules of Evidence, including using expert witnesses and psychiatric and forensic evidence.**

**By signing below, I attest that the information I have provided is true and correct.**

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Applicant's Signature Date

Checklist for Court's Use

 Completed Application

 MCLE Transcript Attached

Member in good standing



# **Minimum Standards for Appointments**

(See Pages 11 and 12 of the Indigent Defense Plan)

***All appointments require that an Attorney be a member in good standing with***

***The State Bar of Texas and have familiarity with the requisite court system***

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|  | **Experience** | **Number of Trials**  **(Total)** | **Number of those Trials**  **which must have been jury trials** |
| **1st Degree** | 3 years in Criminal Litigation | Tried to verdict as lead or co-counsel 3 felony trials  of any grade of felony | At least 2 felony jury trials |
| **2nd and 3rd Degree** | 2 years in Criminal Litigation | Tried to verdict as lead or co-counsel 2 State Jail Felonies, Class A Misdemeanors or Class B Misdemeanors | At least 1 trial must have been a jury trial |
| **SJF/MTR/Misdemeanors** | 1 year in Criminal or  Civil Litigation  (including juvenile cases) | ------------------- | ----------------- |
| **Appeals**  **(Capital and 1st Degree)** | 3 years in Criminal Litigation | Have filed a Brief in, or argued 2 cases before, a stated Appellate Court  or demonstrate  commensurate experience | ----------------- |
| **Appeals**  **(Other)** | 1 year in Appellate Practice | Have filed a Brief in, or argued 1 case before, a stated Appellate Court  or  2 years general experience in criminal litigation | ------------------ |
| **Writs**  **(Capital and 1st Degree)** | 3 years in Criminal Litigation | Have filed a Brief in, or argued 1 case before, a stated Appellate Court | ----------------- |
| **Writs**  **(All other grades of offense)** | 1 year in Criminal or Civil Litigation |  |  |
| **CLE, initial** | Within one year of an initial certification, Attorneys must complete 8 hours in criminal law/ethics. | | | |
| **CLE, Continuing** | To maintain certification, attorneys must complete 8 hours every 2 years in criminal, ethics, evidence or trial practice. | | | |