**COLLIN COUNTY**

**APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL AS COURT APPOINTED ATTORNEY**

**FOR DEFENDANTS WITH MENTAL ILLNESSES**

**INSTRUCTIONS**

1. Complete this Application.

2. Attach additional information that may be required.

3. Attach a recent photograph.

4. Complete and attach proof of your MCLE hours from the State Bar of Texas.

**THIS APPLICATION MUST BE FILED IN THE MHMC PROGRAM OFFICE AT THE COLLIN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 2100 BLOOMDALE ROAD, SUITE 10146, MCKINNEY, TEXAS 75071. (located in the Auxiliary Court hallway)**

**MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICATION**:

1. Must meet the minimum requirements for appointment in District Court of Collin County if applying for felony appointments and the County Court of Collin County if applying for Misdemeanor appointments and
2. Six hours per year of CLE in Mental health and/or MHMC approved hours
3. Six jury trials as lead counsel for Misdemeanor and Eight felony jury trials for Felony

The MHMC court appointment list is comprised of a limited number of positions. The positions will be filled by the MHMC Attorney Director based on Program needs, attorney qualifications and attorney performance.

**INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED**

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1. **PERSONAL DATA**

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Last Name First Name Middle Bar Card No.

 Initial

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Firm/Office Name

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Office Address

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Residence Address

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Publicly Listed Telephone # Fax # Cell Phone #

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E-Mail Address

Please indicate your primary method of contact (office phone, cell phone or email):\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**B. LAW PRACTICE**

1. Indicate the **approximate** number of the following types of cases you have handled in Collin County in the past 3 years:

 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_1st Degree Felony \_\_\_\_\_\_\_2nd Degree Felony

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_3rd Degree Felony \_\_\_\_\_\_\_State Jail Felony

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Class A Misdemeanor \_\_\_\_\_\_\_Class B Misdemeanor

 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_Juvenile Cases \_\_\_\_\_\_\_Criminal Appeals

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Criminal Writs \_\_\_\_\_\_\_Capital Murder Cases (death penalty) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_Non-capital murder cases \_\_\_\_\_\_\_Capital Murder Cases (non-death penalty)

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Civil Trials \_\_\_\_\_\_\_Civil Mental Commitment Proceedings

 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_Criminal Trials excluding Class C Misdemeanors

 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_Total Class A/B Trials tried to verdict before judge/jury as first-chair or lead

 counsel

 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_Total Class A/B Trials tried to verdict before a judge/jury as second-chair or co-

 counsel

\*Attach the name, case number, court, county, and year of 6 trials resulting in verdict of guilt/innocence in which you were the first-chair or lead counsel

\*Attach the name, case number, court, county, and year of any trials in which you participated as second-chair or co-counsel. “Participate” means you conducted examinations or cross-examinations of one or more witnesses, or were present at counsel table for the *entire* trial.

2. Have you worked at a District or County Attorney’s Office handling criminal matters?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Dates of employment:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_County:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

3. Have you worked at a Public Defender’s Office? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Dates of employment: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ County:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

4. Years in which practice? Criminal law\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Civil law \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

5. Percentage of present law practice spent on criminal or related matters? \_\_\_\_\_\_%

6. Criminal Practice Specialties/Board certifications (i.e., violent felonies, DWI, juvenile, narcotics):\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

7. Bar Association Memberships:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

8. Law School Attended:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Graduation date:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Please answer yes or no to the following questions and provide requested information:**

9. Are you currently in good standing with the State Bar of Texas? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 If no, please attach separate sheet with explanation.

Are you currently or have you ever been:

\_\_\_\_\_\_Appealing any sanction by the State Bar other than a private reprimand?

\_\_\_\_\_\_Under indictment or charged with a criminal offense other than a traffic offense?

\_\_\_\_\_\_On community supervision (deferred adjudication or "regular" community supervision)?

\_\_\_\_\_\_Convicted of an offense punishable by confinement?

\_\_\_\_\_\_Publicly sanctioned by a State Bar Grievance Committee in this state?

\_\_\_\_\_\_Sanctioned for failure to appear before a court?

\_\_\_\_\_\_Removed from a case for "cause"?

\_\_\_\_\_\_Found by any trial or appellate court to have rendered ineffective assistance of counsel?

\*If the answer is "yes", please attach a copy and/or written explanation of the related information.

10. Have you ever admitted, in connection with an official proceeding, to having provided ineffective assistance of counsel? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

11. Are you fluent in a foreign language (specify)?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

13. Which categories of cases are you currently authorized to accept appointments and which categories are you seeking appointment through MHMC?:

 Authorized Seeking MH Appt.

 \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ Misdemeanor Trial

\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ Misdemeanor Appeals

\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ SJF and 3rd degree

\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ 1st and 2nd degree

\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ Felony Appeals

 \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ Sex Crimes (6 felony sex crime jury trials required to qualify)

\_\_\_\_\_Special Language for which categories?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

14. Please list anything about your background or experience that you believe would be helpful to you as a member of the Defendants with Mental Illnesses Appointment list (use separate sheet for additional room.) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

15. What is the most significant case you worked on as an appointed attorney? Why? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\*Questions 9-11 if the answer is “yes” please attach a copy of related information and/or written explanation.

Please attach a resume or statement that you wish to have considered regarding your qualifications to be on the Private Defender Panel.

I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,understand the MHMC program has standards, which are more stringent than the general attorney wheel. Further, I understand that I must comply with these standards fully to remain on the wheel.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Attorney Date

State of Texas

County of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Sworn to and subscribed before me on the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ day of 20\_\_\_\_\_, by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(name of signer).

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 Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

 Printed Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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