

**Texas Fair Defense Act
Application and Affidavit for Appointments In The
Coryell County Courts**

Attorney Contact Information

Full Name	Bar Card #
Physical Address (No PO Boxes)	
Business Address	
Business Phone	Mobile Phone
Fax Number	Email Address

General Requirements for Court Appointed Attorneys

Please select each checkbox acknowledging you meet each requirement.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Licensed to practice law in the State of Texas;
<input type="checkbox"/>	In good standing with the State Bar;
<input type="checkbox"/>	Exhibit proficiency and commitment to providing quality representation to criminal defendants;
<input type="checkbox"/>	Exhibit professionalism and reliability when providing representation to criminal defendants;
<input type="checkbox"/>	Have an office in Coryell County
<input type="checkbox"/>	Have an E-mail and fax machine working 24 hours a day;
<input type="checkbox"/>	Agree to notify the Indigent Defense Coordinator's office promptly, in writing, of any matter that would disqualify the attorney by law, regulation, rule or under the Coryell County Indigent Defense Policy from receiving appointments to represent indigent defendants.

Wheel Consideration

County Plan requires: (1) Appointment of Attorney based on highest level of offense of a Defendant and (2) appointment to all lower appointment wheels for Attorneys that qualify for higher level wheels.

County Courts

<input type="checkbox"/>	Misdemeanor	One year experience in handling criminal cases or have an attorney with at least three years criminal experience sign on as their mentor and who would be available to assist them in any trial of the case. Six hours of Continuing Legal Education in Criminal Law every year.
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Juvenile Courts

<input type="checkbox"/>	Misdemeanor	See Juvenile Indigent Defense Plan
<input type="checkbox"/>	Felony	See Juvenile Indigent Defense Plan

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Application to felony wheel requires misdemeanor wheel appointments.

District Courts

<input type="checkbox"/>	3 rd Degree and State Jail Felonies	Have met the qualifications for placement on the Misdemeanor List; Have practiced in the area of criminal law for at least two years; and Have tried to verdict at least two criminal jury trials as lead or second chair counsel.
<input type="checkbox"/>	1st & 2nd Degree Felonies	Have met the qualifications for placement on the Misdemeanor List; Have practiced in the area of criminal law for at least four years; and Have tried to conclusion at least three criminal jury trials as lead or second chair counsel, including at least one felony trial.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Capital Cases (No Death Penalty) ¹	Have met the qualifications for placement on the Misdemeanor List; Have practiced in the area of criminal law for at least five years; Have tried to verdict at least five criminal jury trials as lead counsel, including at least two trials which were first or second degree felonies or capital felonies and at least one of which a homicide case.

Appeals

<input type="checkbox"/>	Misdemeanor Appeals	<p>Have met the qualifications for placement on the Misdemeanor List; and must meet at least one of the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Be currently board certified in criminal law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization; or <input type="checkbox"/> Have personally authored and filed at least 3 criminal briefs or post-conviction writs of habeas corpus; or <input type="checkbox"/> Have submitted an appellate writing sample approved by a majority of the judges; or <input type="checkbox"/> Have worked as a briefing clerk of an appellate court for a period of one year or more.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Felony Appeals	<p>Have met the qualifications for placement on the Misdemeanor List; and must meet at least one of the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Be currently board certified in criminal law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization; or <input type="checkbox"/> Have personally authored and filed at least 3 criminal briefs or post-conviction writs of habeas corpus; or <input type="checkbox"/> Have submitted an appellate writing sample approved by a majority of the judges; or <input type="checkbox"/> Have worked as a briefing clerk of an appellate court for a period of one year or more.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Juvenile Appeals	See Juvenile Indigent Defense Plan

¹ The Death Penalty Attorney List is maintained by the Third Administrative Judicial Region
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Attorney Profile

	Date licensed to practice law in Texas
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Yes	No	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are you currently in good standing with the state bar?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are you currently under indictment or charged for a criminal offense other than class C traffic offenses?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you have an appeal pending of any bar sanction?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are you board certified by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization?
		If yes, in what area (s)?
		How many hours of continuing legal education did you average in the last three years?
		What percentage of your practice is in criminal law?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Have you ever been approved to serve as a Court Appointed Attorney in any other jurisdiction?
		If so, what court(s)?

Jury Trials

	How many criminal cases have you tried to conclusion before a jury? (Include hung juries, but exclude agreed competency hearings.)
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Felony Jury Trials

	Of the trials noted above, how many were felony cases?
	Of these felony trials, in how many were you First chair?
	Of these felony trials, in how many were you Second chair?

Misdemeanor Jury Trials

	Of the trials noted above, how many were misdemeanor cases?
	Of these misdemeanor trials, in how many were you First chair?
	Of these misdemeanor trials, in how many were you Second chair?

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Please describe anything that you wish to include for consideration that you feel makes you uniquely qualified to accept appointments in criminal cases (e.g. participation in criminal law mentoring or peer review programs)

Professional/Association Memberships

List any professional organizations or associations to which you belong:

Required Attachments Checklist

Your application will not be complete until you submit the following items to:
 (All items should be mailed together.)

Coryell County Pretrial Services/Indigent Defense
 Attn: Court Appointed Attorney Application
 620 East Main Street
 Gatesville, Texas 76528

<input type="checkbox"/>	A complete and signed application.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Your most recent annual CLE report from the State Bar.
<input type="checkbox"/>	If you have ever been sanctioned by the State Bar Grievance Committee, attach the decision(s) by the committee and, if desired, a written explanation.
<input type="checkbox"/>	If you have ever been sanctioned for failure to appear before a court, attach any applicable court documents and, if desired, a written explanation.
<input type="checkbox"/>	If you have ever admitted, in connection with an official proceeding, to having provided ineffective assistance of counsel, attach any applicable documents and, if desired, a written explanation.
<input type="checkbox"/>	If you have ever been convicted or placed on deferred adjudication for any offense other than traffic, attach copies of all final orders (or those deferring adjudication) and judgments.
<input type="checkbox"/>	If you are applying for appellate appointments, attach a copy of a brief you have authored and which was filed within the past five (5) years.

