

STANDING ORDER FOR COMPENSATION OF ATTORNEYS APPOINTED TO REPRESENT INDIGENT DEFENDANTS

Effective on the 1st day of January, 2022, the undersigned, being the Local Administrative District Judge and District Court judge with criminal court jurisdiction, adopted this schedule of fees concerning compensation of court-appointed counsel for indigent defendants facing felony criminal charges, 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 appointed court, shall be as follows on a case-by-case basis as determined by the judge:

I. MISDEMEANOR CASES

Compensation for time spent by counsel shall be not less than FIFTY-FIVE DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$55.00) per hour nor more than NINETY DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$90.00) per hour.

II. NON-CAPITAL FELONY CASES

Compensation for time spent by lead counsel shall be ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$100.00) per hour. Compensation for time spent by pre-approved secondary or support counsel shall be SEVENTY-FIVE DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$75.00) per hour.

III. CAPITAL CASE COMPENSATION

In all capital cases the rates for the lead counsel shall be no less than \$150.00 per hour and no more than \$200.00 per hour, and for pre-approved secondary or support counsel no less than \$100 per hour and no more than \$150.00 per hour.

IV. REIMBURSEMENT FOR REASONABLE EXPENSES FOR PURPOSES OF INVESTIGATION AND EXPERT TESTIMONY

A. In all criminal cases, appointed counsel will be reimbursed for reasonable expenses that are incurred provided prior court approval has been granted upon motion, application and a hearing held on said motion. Reasonable expenses upon prior court approval after motion and application, may include expenses incurred for investigation and expert testimony, and will be in addition to the total compensation referred to above.

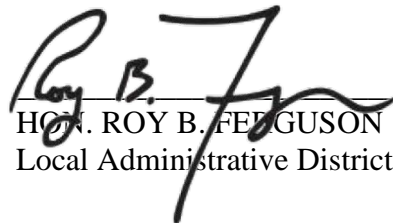
V. REQUEST FOR PAYMENT OF ATTORNEY'S FEES AND EXPENSES

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 said statement with a verified affidavit to the trial judge:

- A. on the date of disposition of a case by a plea or bench trial; or
- B. as soon as reasonably practicable; and
- C. before the end of the calendar year in which the attorneys' services concluded.

Failure to submit the request for payment before the end of the calendar year in which the attorneys' services were concluded may result in denial of the request at the discretion of the judge presiding. If the judge presiding disapproved the requested amount, the judge shall make written findings stating the amount of payment approved and the reason 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.

SIGNED AND EFFECTIVE ON THIS THE 25th DAY OF JANUARY, 2022, AND SAID ORDER SUPERSEDES ANY AND ALL PRIOR COURT STANDING ORDERS FOR ATTORNEY'S FEES AND OTHER EXPENSE COMPENSATION.



ROY B. FERGUSON
Local Administrative District Judge