

**FEE GUIDELINES FOR APPOINTED COUNSEL IN  
MISDEMEANOR CRIMINAL CASES**

**EFFECTIVE 07/21/2023 FOR SERVICES RENDERED ON OR AFTER THAT DATE**

The goal of these payment guidelines is to assure quality representation for indigent persons charged with misdemeanor crimes in Maverick County. Those cases appropriate for trial should be tried and those appropriate for plea should be pled.

Each judge reserves the right to deviate from these guidelines in particular cases where the amount or quality of work performed is substantially above or below the norm.

Court appointed attorneys remain attorneys of record until final disposition of their cases unless a motion to withdraw or to substitute counsel is granted.

Expenses reasonably incurred by appointed counsel, such as long-distance telephone charges or copying charges for documents will be reimbursed. Interpreters, investigators or expert witnesses must be approved in advance by written order of a judge to assure reimbursement.

**PAYMENT GUIDELINES**

Discovery and dismissal (1 case)	\$150.00 per case/ \$50.00 each additional case
Plea & sentence (1 defendant/ 1 case)	\$375.00
Plea & sentence (same defendant and <b>per additional case disposed</b> by dismissal, 12.45 or agreement not to prosecute unfiled cases)	\$75.00 each additional case
Revocations (MTR)	\$250.00
Trial before the court (including discovery and preparation)	\$600.00 per day/Max \$1,200.00
Jury trial (including discovery and preparation)	\$1,200.00/\$650 per half day
Appeals	\$2,000.00 (maximum)

**EXPENSES**

Court appointed counsel will be compensated for all necessary expenses: i.e., collect or long distance phone calls, copying expenses, and auto mileage.

- (a) Auto mileage will be paid at the IRS approved rate.
- (b) Copying expenses shall be reimbursed at the rate of 10 cents per page.
- (c) Long distance expenses shall be reimbursed at the rate of \$2.00 per call.

All major expenses, such as investigators or expert witnesses, will require written approval by the court prior to the expense being incurred.

**REQUESTS FOR PAYMENT**

Request for payment forms shall be submitted at the time the case is disposed of except for trials. Requests for payment after trials should be submitted within five working days of the conclusion of the case. Failure to submit vouchers in a timely manner may result in nonpayment.

Payment for all of a defendant(s) case should be requested on one form.

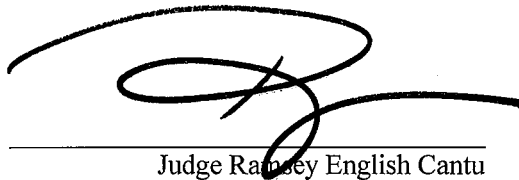
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**HOURLY RATES**

Claims for payment based on an hourly rate shall not be authorized in county court cases except for exceptional circumstances. In said exceptional case, the hourly rate for in-court-time \$125 and out-of-court time shall be \$75 per hour.

**CAVEAT**

In an unusual case, the consideration set forth in Texas Rules of Professional Conduct Rule 1.04(b) may dictate a fee that is less than or more than the one established by these guidelines



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Judge Ranney English Cantu