

STANDING ORDER FOR COMPENSATION OF ATTORNEYS APPOINTED TO  
REPRESENT INDIGENT DEFENDANTS IN THE 452<sup>ND</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF  
EDWARDS, KIMBLE, MASON, MCCULLOCH AND MENARD COUNTIES

Pursuant to Article 26.05, Texas Code of Criminal Procedure, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that compensation of court appointed counsel and related expenses in the 452<sup>nd</sup> Judicial District shall be as follows:

1. Non-Felony Cases

Counsel appointed for indigent defendants in non-felony cases shall be compensated at Eighty Five Dollars (\$85.00) per hour.

2. Felony Cases

Counsel appointed for indigent defendants in felony cases (except in Capital Felony cases where the State seeks the Death Penalty) shall be compensated at Eighty Five Dollars (\$85.00) per hour.

3. Capital Felony Cases where the State seeks the Death Penalty

Other than the Regional Capital Defender Project, counsel appointed for indigent defendants in capital felony cases in which the state seeks the death penalty shall be compensated at One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) per hour.

4. Reimbursement for Reasonable Expenses for Purposes of Investigation and Expert Testimony

Appointed counsel will be reimbursed for reasonable expenses incurred where prior approval has been granted by the Court. Reasonable expenses may include those incurred for investigation and expert testimony. Said expenses will be reimbursed in addition to the total compensation for attorney fees.

5. Request for Payment of Attorney's Fees and Expenses

Attorneys shall prepare a detailed statement of the nature of the services performed, the date of such performance, and actual time spent and submit said statement to the Court:

- a. On the date of the disposition of a case by plea or bench trial;
- b. Within 15 days of the date of the verdict in a jury trial or date of mandate from appeal; or
- c. As further ordered by the Court.

The Court shall make written findings stating the amount approved for payment and the reason for any reduction in the request. By written motion an attorney may appeal the reduction to the Regional Presiding Judge.

This order is signed and effective this the 1<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2023 and supersedes all prior orders regarding appointed attorney compensation.



Robert R. Hofmann, 452<sup>nd</sup> Judicial District Judge