

**ATTORNEY CERTIFICATION
FOR
INDIGENT APPOINTMENTS
FREESTONE COUNTY 2022**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Office Number: _____ Fax Number: _____

Cell Number: _____

Tax Identification Number: _____ Bar Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Check all cases for which you are qualified and volunteering to accept indigent appointments in Freestone County for 2022.

_____ **First and Second Degree Felonies Requirements:**

- A. Be a member of the State Bar of Texas;
- B. A minimum of 15% of practice is in criminal law matters; AND
- C. A minimum of six (6) hours of certified CLE credit annually in criminal law matters, CLE qualifications are waived for attorneys who are currently Board Certified in Criminal Law; AND
- D. For first and second degree felonies, a minimum of three years of experience OR have a minimum of ten (10) jury trials; AND
- E. Must never have been found to have provided ineffective representation by an appellate court or a Bar disciplinary committee OR if so, receive a waiver from the Criminal Courts Board by majority vote.

_____ **Third Degree Felonies, State Jail felonies and Misdemeanors Requirements:**

- A. Be a member of the State Bar of Texas
- B. A minimum of six (6) hours of certified CLE credit annually law matters. CLE qualifications are waived for attorneys who are currently Board Certified in Criminal Law; AND
- C. Must never have been found to have provided ineffective representation by an appellate court or a Bar disciplinary committee OR if so, receive a waiver from the Criminal Courts Board by majority vote.

_____ **Appeals Felonies Requirements:**

- A. Be a member of the State Bar of Texas
- B. A minimum of 25% of practice in Criminal law matter; AND
- C. Meet the same CLE requirements as Trial Attorneys.

_____ **Appeals Misdemeanors Requirements:**

- A. Be a member of the State Bar of Texas
- B. Meet the same CLE requirements as Trial Attorneys.

JUVENILE CASES

There are five (5) different levels of seriousness of juvenile charges: CINS, delinquency cases with no TYC commitment possible, delinquency cases with TYC commitment possible, determine sentence cases, and certification cases.

CINS Charges Requirements:

- A. A minimum of one (1) year experience or participation as counsel/ co-counsel on three (3) Juvenile Cases; AND
- B. A minimum of six (6) hours of certified CLE credit in juvenile law each year. CLE qualifications are waived for attorneys who are currently Board Certified in Juvenile Law.

Delinquency Charges With No TYC Commitment Possible Requirements:

- A. A minimum of one (1) year experience or participation as counsel/ co-Counsel on five (5) Juvenile Cases; AND
- B. A minimum of six (6) hours of certified CLE credit in juvenile law each year.

Delinquency Charges With TYC Commitment Possible Requirements:

- A. A minimum of three (3) years experience or participation as counsel/ co-Counsel on ten (10) Juvenile Cases; AND
- B. A minimum of six (6) hours of certified CLE credit in juvenile law each year.

Determinate Sentencing Charges Requirements:

- A. A minimum of three (3) years experience or participation as counsel/ co-Counsel on fifteen (15) Juvenile Cases; AND
- B. A minimum of ten (10) hours of certified CLE credit in juvenile law each year.

Juvenile Appeal Requirements:

- A. To receive appointments for appeals of Juvenile cases, counsel must meet the Minimum Requirements of an attorney qualified to receive appointments in "Delinquency Charges with TYC Possible"
- B. Or participation as counsel/co-counsel in the appeal of three (3) juvenile cases.

DEPARMENT OF FAMILY AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES

DFPS Case Requirements:

- A. Be a member in good standing of the State Bar of Texas.
- B. A minimum of six (6) hour of certified CLE credit annually in child welfare law.

I, the undersigned attorney, certify that I have met the minimum qualifications for accepting appointments for representation of indigent adults and Juvenile in the types of case checked above.

Date

Signature

Approval by the Board for acceptance of appointments as indicated above:

Judge Linda Grant
Freestone County Judge

Judge Deborah Oakes Evans
87th Judicial District

Judge Patrick H. Simmons
77th Judicial District