

**GAINES COUNTY COURT
APPOINTED ATTORNEY FEE SCHEDULE**

Flat Rates

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| 1. Misdemeanor and juvenile cases resulting in a plea of guilty: | \$80/hr with a 3
hour minimum
\$240.00 |
| 2. Contested cases, including trials and contested hearings: | |
| 3. Cases in which a dismissal of charges is granted are paid at the same rate as a guilty plea, not including cases which were dismissed pursuant to a plea bargain in a separate case, for example a dismissal pursuant to §12.45 of the Texas Penal Code. | |

Hourly Rates

Travel time is not included in hourly rates. Appeals and all other matters will be compensated at a minimum hourly rate of \$80.00 per hour and a maximum hourly rate of \$200.00 per hour. The presiding judge shall determine the hourly rate paid, within these limits, for any particular case. The presiding judge may pay differing hourly rates on similar cases, depending on the type of services performed.

Payment

Payment for cases will be ordered upon approval by the presiding judge of an Attorney Fee Voucher submitted by the appointed attorney. The presiding judge may approve less than the amount billed on an hourly basis after considering those factors set out in Texas Code of Criminal Procedure Article 26.05. All submitted bills must show the date services were rendered, a brief description of the services, and the number of hours expended on the services. The minimum billing increment shall be no greater than 15 minutes (.25 hours).

Expenses

Expenses (investigators, mental or physical evaluations, etc.) are to be reimbursed pursuant to the procedures set forth in Texas Code of Criminal Procedure (Art. 26.05). It is recommended that attorneys receive prior approval from the presiding judge for expenses of more than \$100.00. Mileage will be reimbursed at the most current IRS rate, from the city where the attorney's office is located, to Seminole and return.

This Fee Schedule shall be effective January 1, 2010.

Tom N. Keys

County Judge