The County will pay appointed counsel for all time reasonably necessary for adequate representation of the defendant, as approved by a judge, according to the following fee schedule adopted as provided under Article 26.05(b) of the Code of Criminal Procedure: **$100 per hour** for all documented out-of-court and in-court time that is actually spent on the case that reasonable professionals would agree was objectively necessary for a qualified criminal defense attorney in the community to represent the client. Appointed Counsel can also choose to bill at a **flat rate of $500 for the first case and $200 for each additional charge** for the same Defendant. Below is the County Court Fee Schedule:

Court appointed counsel shall be compensated for all reasonable and appropriate services rendered in representing the accused. Compensation shall be reasonable for time and effort expended and will be in accordance with a fee schedule adopted and approved by majority of the judges hearing criminal cases in the County Courts at Law, to wit:

**Plea of Guilty, True or Dismissal:** Hourly rate of **$100 or $500 Flat Rate / $200 each additional case** for the same Defendant.

(If voucher total is over $1,000, prior approval must be obtained for hourly rate).

**Trial** (jury or court) $100 per hour.

**All other services:** $100 per hour

**Appeals to Court of Appeals:** $100 per hour with a maximum of $2,500 without prior approval.

**Petition for Discretionary Review to the Court of Criminal Appeals** with approval of the trial court is the same as an Appeal to the Court of Appeals.