

**FEE SCHEDULE FOR HOUSTON COUNTY  
ADULT INDIGENT DEFENSE SERVICES**

Amended effective 6-27-2023

Fees shall be paid according to the schedule listed hereafter unless exceptional circumstances are proven and approved by the trial judge in writing. To receive payment, counsel, investigators, experts and interpreters must submit a completed bill in the approved form.

**DISPOSITION (PLEA OF GUILTY/DISMISSAL)**

**FELONY CASES:**

\$750 for a single case

\$150 for each additional case on the same defendant, up to a total maximum for all cases on the same defendant - \$1500

**MISDEMEANOR CASES:**

\$450 for a single case

\$100 for each additional case on the same defendant, up to a total maximum for all cases on the same defendant – \$850

**MOTIONS TO REVOKE OR ADJUDICATE**

**FELONY CASES:**

\$600 for plea/dismissal of a single case

\$150 for plea/dismissal of each additional case on the same defendant, up to a total maximum for all cases on the same defendant - \$1200

**MISDEMEANOR CASES:**

\$350 for plea/dismissal of a single case

\$100 for plea/dismissal of each additional case on the same defendant, up to a total maximum for all cases on the same defendant - \$750

**ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION FOR TRIAL PREPARATION \$100 PER HOURS AS JUSTIFIED BY THE CASE AND APPROVED BY THE TRIAL JUDGE**

**TRIAL**

\$100 PER HOUR - for trial, contested hearings, preparation for trial or hearings.

All hours should be documented as are necessary for the defense in a criminal case.

(The attorney may choose to bill at the amounts for plea/dismissal in lieu of hourly rate)

**APPEAL**

\$100 PER HOUR – as approved by the trial judge

**DEATH PENALTY CAPITAL CASES**

Lead counsel: \$125 per hour with a maximum of \$75,000

Second chair counsel: \$100 per hour with a maximum of \$75,000

The trial judge has discretion to increase such limits in circumstances where such limits would be inadequate and finding are made on the record.

**Interpreters**

The court coordinator or the judge will appoint interpreters as necessary.

The fee for non-certified interpreters will not exceed \$50 per hour.

The fee for certified interpreters will be paid in accordance with negotiated rates, fees and mileage

**Investigative Expenses and Expert Witness fees**

The defendant has the right to the proper investigation of his case and for the appointment of expert witnesses when necessary for the defense of the case.

Investigation expenses will be compensated based on the usual and normal charges for such experts. Travel time from the investigator's office to the courthouse, jail and lawyer's office is not compensated without prior approval by the trial judge.

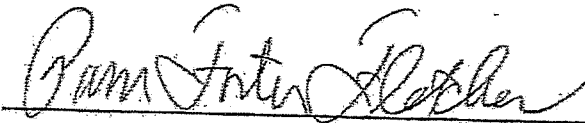
Mental health, ballistics, forensics, fingerprint, handwriting, DNA experts and other experts necessary for the defense of the accused shall be compensated based on the usual and normal charges for such experts in the Administrative Judicial District.

**The Criminal Courts Board amends the Houston County District Court and County Court Plan**

As follows:

Fees Schedule for Houston County Adult Indigent Defense services amended as shown on the attached schedule.

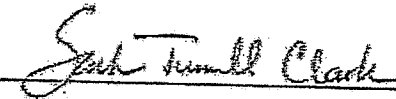
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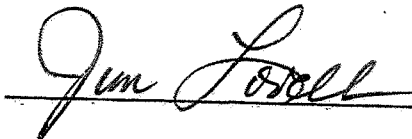
Judge Pam Foster-Fletcher, 349th Judicial District



Judge Mark Calhoon, 3rd Judicial District



Judge Sarah Tunnell Clark, Chairperson Juvenile Board, County Court at Law, Houston County



Houston County Judge Jim Lovell