

**Texas Fair Defense Act
Application and Affidavit for Appointments In The
Hunt County Courts**

Attorney Contact Information

Full Name	Bar Card #
Physical Address (No PO Boxes)	
Business Address	
Business Phone	Mobile Phone
Fax Number	Email Address

General Requirements for Court Appointed Attorneys

Please select each checkbox acknowledging you meet each requirement.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Licensed to practice law in the State of Texas;
<input type="checkbox"/>	In good standing with the State Bar;
<input type="checkbox"/>	Exhibit proficiency and commitment to providing quality representation to appointed clients;
<input type="checkbox"/>	Exhibit professionalism and reliability when providing representation to appointed clients;
<input type="checkbox"/>	An attorney shall maintain a principal office or reside in Hunt County, Texas. i) "Principal office" is defined as the location/office where the attorney handles the majority (more than 50% of cases) of his legal practice. ii) Each attorney that wishes to be considered for placement on any Court Appointed List shall submit a sworn affidavit to the DDCO & DCCLLO stating that his/her residence is in Hunt County. iii) Any attorney that is claiming to reside in Hunt County but that does not have a principal office in Hunt County must designate a physical location within Hunt County as the location they will meet with any appointed Defendant and/or associated witnesses. Said location shall be listed in the Sworn Affidavit stating his/her residence is in Hunt County.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Have an E-mail and fax machine working 24 hours a day;
<input type="checkbox"/>	Agree to notify the Designated District Court Office (DDCO) and Designated County Courts at Law Office (DCCLLO) promptly, in writing, of any matter that would disqualify the attorney by law, regulation, rule or under the Hunt County Indigent Defense Policy from receiving appointments to represent indigent defendants.

Wheel Consideration

Please select all offense levels for which you would like to be considered.

County Courts	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Misdemeanor One year experience in handling criminal cases or two cases as second chair (Class C excluded) Six hours of Continuing Legal Education in Criminal Law every year
Juvenile Courts	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Misdemeanor & Felony See Juvenile Indigent Defense Plan
Mental	

<input type="checkbox"/>	Mental	One (1) year experience in practice of law
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Tax

<input type="checkbox"/>	Tax	Licensed attorney in Texas
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CPS

<input type="checkbox"/>	CPS	<p>Member in good standing with State Bar of Texas. Meet practice and/or residency requirements under the Hunt County Indigent Defense Plan. Complete the training program regarding trauma-informed care as required by Section 107.004 (b-1) (2).</p> <hr/> <p>Complete all required CLE credits annually, with at least four (4) hours in family law/ad litem law. No self-study hours may be used to satisfy the four (4) hour requirement. The four (4) hours are required to be reported each year on or before October 1.</p>
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Guardianship

<input type="checkbox"/>	Guardianship	Attorney Ad Litem in Guardianship. Be in compliance with 1054.201 Estates Code.
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District Courts

<input type="checkbox"/>	3 rd Degree and State Jail Felonies	<p>Have met the qualifications for placement on the Misdemeanor List; Have practiced in the area of criminal law for at least two years; and Have tried to verdict at least two criminal jury trials as lead or second chair counsel. Excluding Class C.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	1st & 2nd Degree Felonies	<p>Have met the qualifications for placement on the Misdemeanor List; Have practiced in the area of criminal law for at least four years; and Have tried to conclusion at least three criminal jury trials as lead or second chair counsel, including at least one felony trial. Excluding Class C.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Capital Cases (No Death Penalty) ¹	<p>Have met the qualifications for placement on the Misdemeanor List; Have practiced in the area of criminal law for at least five years; Have tried to verdict at least five criminal jury trials as lead counsel, including at least two trials which were first or second degree felonies or capital felonies and at least one of which a homicide case. Excluding Class C.</p>

Appeals

<input type="checkbox"/>	Misdemeanor Appeals	<p>Have met the qualifications for placement on the Misdemeanor List; and must meet at least one of the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Be currently board certified in criminal law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization; or <input type="checkbox"/> Have personally authored and filed at least 3 criminal briefs or post-conviction writs of habeas corpus; or <input type="checkbox"/> Have submitted an appellate writing sample approved by a majority of the judges; or
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¹The Death Penalty attorney List is maintained by the Tenth Administrative Judicial Region.

<input type="checkbox"/> Have worked as a briefing clerk of an appellate court for a period of one year or more.	
Have met the qualifications for placement on the Misdemeanor List; and must meet at least one of the following criteria:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Felony Appeals	<input type="checkbox"/> Be currently board certified in criminal law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization; or
	<input type="checkbox"/> Have personally authored and filed at least 3 criminal briefs or post-conviction writs of habeas corpus; or
	<input type="checkbox"/> Have submitted an appellate writing sample approved by a majority of the judges; or
	<input type="checkbox"/> Have worked as a briefing clerk of an appellate court for a period of one year or more.
<input type="checkbox"/> Juvenile Appeals	See Juvenile Indigent Defense Plan

2nd Chair

<input type="checkbox"/> 2 nd Chair Mentor	I volunteer to have a 2 nd chair attorney be appointed on any case in which I am appointed (non-capital).
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New Attorneys Only

<input type="checkbox"/> 2 nd Chair Appointment	New attorneys may request appointment as 2 nd chair to meet qualifications for further appointment under the plan. I will accept appointment as 2 nd chair (non-capital).
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Categories

<input type="checkbox"/> Spanish Speaking	I affirm by signing the included Affidavit, my ability to fluently communicate in Spanish. I am fluent in both oral and written communication.		
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Languages	I affirm by signing the included Affidavit, my ability to fluently communicate in the language noted below. I am fluent in both oral and written communication of the language(s) noted below.		
	1	2	3
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Training and/or Skills	1	2	3

Attorney Profile

	Date licensed to practice law in Texas
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Yes	No	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are you currently in good standing with the state bar?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are you currently under indictment or charged for a criminal offense other than class C traffic offenses?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you have an appeal pending of any bar sanction?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are you board certified by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization?
		If yes, in what area (s)?

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are you a member of the State Bar College?
		How many hours of continuing legal education did you average in the last three years?
		How many open criminal files are in your current caseload?
		What percentage of your practice is in criminal law?

Jury Trials

	How many criminal jury trials have you tried in the last 5 years?
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Trial Experience

	What percentage of your practice consists of criminal appointments?
	Approximately how many appeals have you pursued in which you authored the brief (excluding subcontracted briefs)? (Applicable appellate applicants only)

Hunt County History

Which Hunt County Judges presided over your last five trials (both jury and non-jury trials)?	
1	
2	
3	
4	
5	

Since your prior application-

Sanctions

Yes	No	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Have you been sanctioned or censored by any professional entity of which you are or were a member including but not limited to the State Bar Grievance Committee? If yes, attach decisions by the entity and, if desired, any written explanations.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Have you been sanctioned for failure to appear before a court? If yes, attach any applicable court documents and, if desired, any written explanations
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Have you admitted, in connection with an official proceeding, to having provided ineffective assistance of counsel? If so, explain by attaching any applicable documents and, if desired, any written explanations.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Have you been convicted or placed on deferred adjudication for any offense other than traffic citations? If yes, attach copies of all final orders (or those deferring adjudication) and judgments.

Required Attachments Checklist

Your application will not be complete until you submit the following items to:
(All items should be submitted together.)

