

COUNTY COURTS AT LAW 2 & 3 JEFFERSON COUNTY, TEXAS

STANDING ORDER FOR COMPENSATION OF ATTORNEYS
APPOINTED TO REPRESENT INDIGENT DEFENDANTS

On the 1st day of November, 2009 the above named County Courts at Law, after a duly called and conducted meeting and discussion did adopt this schedule of fees concerning compensation of court-appointed counsel for indigent defendants and related expenses made pursuant to Article 26.05, Texas Code of Criminal Procedure; it is ORDERED that compensation of court-appointed counsel and related expenses shall be as follows:

1.

COMPENSATION

Plea of Guilty or nolo contendere	\$ 250.00
In trial, Jury or Non-Jury (per half day)	\$ 250.00
Court Appearances (other than trial per hour)	\$ 50.00
Out of court hours (per hour)	\$ 50.00
Appeal	\$ 750.00

2.

REIMBURSEMENT FOR REASONABLE EXPENSES FOR PURPOSE
OF INVESTIGATION AND EXPERT TESTIMONY

Appointed counsel will be reimbursed for reasonable expenses that are incurred provided prior court approval has been granted upon motion and hearing. Reasonable expenses upon prior approval after motion and hearing may include expenses incurred for investigation and expert testimony, and will be in addition to the total compensation referred in paragraph 1. of this order. Said fee shall not exceed TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS (\$250.00) in total investigator fees and THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00) in-total expert fees.

3.

REQUEST FOR PAYMENT OF ATTORNEY'S FEES AND EXPENSES

Each attorney shall submit a Motion To Pay Court Appointed Attorney's Fees stating the total amount requested and supported by an affidavit, attached to the motion, of the nature of the services performed, the date of such performance, and the actual time spent on each such date and service, and shall submit such motion and affidavit to the trial judge:

- A. On the date of disposition, or within 5 days, of a case by plea; or
- B. Within 15 days of the date of verdict in a jury trial or trial to the court; or
- C. Within 15 days of the date the mandate being returned in an appeal.

Requests for payment not timely filed will be considered waived, the services performed PRO BONO, and said request for attorney fees shall not be considered.

If the trial judge disapproves the requested amount the judge shall make written findings stating the amount of payment approved and the reasons for approving an amount different from the requested amount. The attorney whose request for payment has been disapproved may, by written motion file an appeal with the presiding judge of the administrative region.

THIS ORDER IS EFFECTIVE ON November 1, 2009.

HONORABLE G.R. "Lupe" Flores
County Court at Law No.2

HONORABLE JOHN PAUL DAVIS
County Court at Law No.3