

STANDING ORDER FOR COMPENSATION OF ATTORNEYS APPOINTED TO REPRESENT INDIGENT DEFENDANTS

On the 1st day of November 2017, the 451st District Court Judge did unanimously adopt this schedule of fees concerning compensation of court-appointed counsel for indigent defendants and related expenses made pursuant to Article 26.05, Texas Rules of Civil Procedure. Therefore, it is ORDERED that compensation of court-appointed counsel and related expenses, made pursuant to a motion in the format prescribed by the appointing court, shall be as follows on a case-by-case basis as determined by the Judge:

I. JUVENILE CASES

Compensation for time spent by counsel for in court and out of court shall be paid at the rate of up to a maximum of SEVENTY DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$70.00) per hour.

II. REQUEST FOR PAYMENT OF ATTORNEY'S FEES AND EXPENSES

Each attorney shall prepare a detailed statement of the nature of the services performed, the date of such performance, and the actual time spent on each such date and service (to the tenth of an hour), and shall submit said statement with a verified affidavit to the trial Judge:

- a. On the date of disposition of a case by a plea or bench trial; or
- b. Within 15 days of the date of verdict in a jury trial; or
- c. Within 15 days of the date the mandate being returned in an appeal; or
- d. At such other intervals as ordered by the Court.

If the trial Judge disapproves the requested amount, the Judge shall make written findings stating the amount of payment approved and the reason 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 SIGNED AND EFFECTIVE ON THE 1ST DAY OF NOVEMBER 2017 AND SAID ORDER SUPERCEDES ANY AND ALL PRIOR COURT STANDING ORDRES FOR ATTORNEY'S FEES AND OTHER EXPENSE COMPENSATION.



HONORABLE BILL PALMER
451st District Judge