

**LEON COUNTY COURT FEE GUIDELINES
FOR APPOINTED COUNSEL IN MISDEMEANOR CRIMINAL CASES
EFFECTIVE 12/01/09 FOR SERVICES RENDERED ON OR AFTER THAT DATE**

Pursuant to C.C.P. Art. 26.05, the following guidelines shall be used to claim attorney's fees for appointed counsel in criminal cases filed in Leon County court.

FIXED RATES

These fees will be the standard compensation for the following services:

Secure release from jail by filing Writ	\$ 50
Case dismissed prior to or after criminal information filed	\$150
Arraignment	\$ 50
Pre-Trial	\$ 50
Plea and Sentence (same setting)*	\$250
Plea and Sentence (separate setting)*	\$300
Plea and Sentence (includes boot camp or probation hearing)*	\$350
Probation Revocation Hearings	\$250
Motion to Suppress Hearings	hourly rate (see below)
Other Writ & Motion Hearings	hourly rate (see below)
Appeals (Minimum \$500, Maximum \$2,000)	

Add \$100 for multiple cases on pleas

DAILY RATES

Daily rates are premised on a minimum of six hours spent in court. If less time is spent the fee will be reduced. The Daily Rate fee includes compensation for preparation time.

Non-Jury Trial	\$350
Jury Trial	\$500

HOURLY RATES (Minimum \$40 per hour – Maximum \$75 per hour)

When a fixed rate is provided above an hourly rate claim will ordinarily not be approved. Claims for payment should reflect time expended to the nearest 1/10th of an hour. If an hourly rate is approved, an itemized statement reflecting the date, service performed, and time expended, must be submitted with the request for payment form.

EXPENSES

Court appointed counsel will be compensated for all reasonable and necessary expenses: i.e., collect or long distance phone calls, copying expenses, auto mileage (at State rate). All major expenses, such as investigators or expert witnesses, will not require written approval by the court prior to the expense being incurred.

REQUEST FOR PAYMENTS

1. Request-for-payment forms shall be submitted at the time the case is disposed of except for trials. Requests for payment after trials should be submitted within five working days of the conclusion of the case.
2. If a case is disposed of prior to the filing of criminal information or is a writ matter, the request-for-payment form should be submitted to the judge who signed the attorney appointment order.
3. Payment for all of a defendant's cases should be requested on one form.
4. Payment for expense such as investigators and expert witnesses should be requested on a separate form.