

**TRAVIS COUNTY FEE GUIDELINES**  
**FOR APPOINTED COUNSEL IN FELONY CRIMINAL CASES**

**EFFECTIVE JUNE 20, 2018 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.

**FIXED RATES**

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

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| Jail Release Work  | \$125   |
| Attorney Released  | \$100   |
| Discovery and Dismissal <sup>1</sup>   | \$600   |
| Plea and Sentence <sup>1</sup>   | \$600   |
| Non-evidentiary Pre-Trial (necessary motions)                                      | \$100   |
| Probation Revocation (non-contested)   | \$300   |
| Writ Hearings  | \$250   |
| Appeals  |         |
| - Ander's Briefs, Motions to Revoke or Adjudicate                                  | \$1,000 |
| - 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> Degree & State Jail Felonies | \$2,000 |
| - Oral Arguments on Appeal   | \$200   |
| Uncontested Competency   | \$100   |
| Restoration Hearing  | \$250   |

<sup>1</sup> \$100 for each additional case

**DAILY RATES**

Daily rates are premised on a minimum of six hours spent in court. Half day rates are premised on hearings less than 4 hours. If less time is spent the fee will be reduced. The Daily Rate fee includes compensation for preparation time.

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| Evidentiary Pre-trial                      | \$500   |
| Evidentiary Pre-trial (less than half-day) | \$250   |
| Non-jury Trial                             | \$850   |
| Non-jury Trial (less than half-day)        | \$500   |
| Jury Trial                                 | \$1,100 |

**HOURLY RATES**

Attorneys must have approval of the Court *in capital cases seeking death or approval of the Capital Area Private Defender Service as the Program Administrator for all other cases* in writing at the conclusion of the pretrial hearings if a claim is to be based on an hourly rate. If such approval is not obtained in advance an hourly rate shall not be paid.

Appointed counsel will be compensated for time actually required by an appointment at an hourly rate of \$60 to \$100 for all cases with the exception of capital cases, which will be compensated at no more than \$200 per hour. The exact rate will be dependent upon the complexity of the case and the experience and ability of the appointed counsel. 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 necessary expenses: i.e., collect or long distance phone calls, copying expenses, auto mileage (at IRS rate). All major expenses, such as investigators or expert witnesses, will require written approval by the Program Administrator prior to the expense being incurred, excluding capital cases seeking death, which require written approval of the Court.

**REQUESTS FOR PAYMENTS**

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 30 days of the conclusion of the case. Failure to comply may result in suspension from the court appointment list. If a case is disposed of prior to indictment or is a writ matter, the request-for-payment form should be submitted to the Program Administrator. Payment for all of a defendant's cases should be requested on one form. Payments for expenses such as investigators and expert witnesses should be requested on a separate form.

**CAVEAT**

In an unusual case, taking into account the considerations set forth in Texas Rules of Professional Conduct Rule 1.04(b) the Program Administrator may authorize a fee that is less than or more than the one established by these guidelines.


Approved and Ordered this 20<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2018

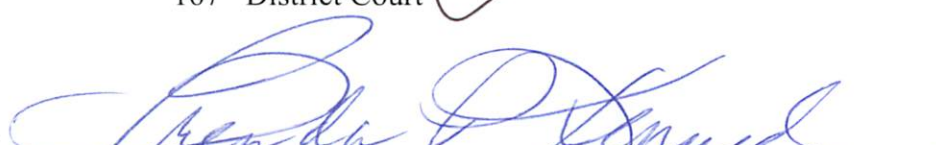
  
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147<sup>th</sup> District Court

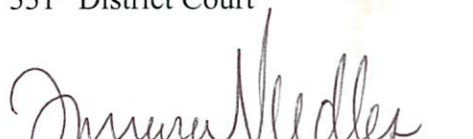
  
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299<sup>th</sup> District Court

  
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Judge David Wahlberg  
167<sup>th</sup> District Court

  
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Judge David Crain  
331<sup>st</sup> District Court

  
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Judge Brenda Kennedy  
403<sup>rd</sup> District Court

  
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Judge Tamara Needles  
427<sup>th</sup> District Court

  
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Judge Brad Urrutia  
450<sup>th</sup> District Court