



VAN ZANDT COUNTY, TEXAS CONTRACT ATTORNEY
APPLICATION

NAME: _____

BAR CARD #: _____

PHYSICAL OFFICE ADDRESS

(not a post office box): _____

COUNTY: _____

MAILING
ADDRESS _____

RESIDENCE ADDRESS: _____

LANDLINE TELEPHONE #: _____

FAX #: _____

CELL PHONE#: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

I understand I must give written notice of any change in the above information to the Presiding Judge at the time of change. ☐ YES ☐ NO

Do you have a phone with messaging capabilities 24 hours a day? ☐ YES ☐ NO

Year and month licensed to practice law by the Supreme Court of Texas: _____

Law School: _____ Year graduated: _____

Year Licensed by Texas State Bar _____

Licensed to Practice in another State? ☐ YES ☐ NO If yes, what state(s) _____

Undergraduate/Graduate (other than Law School)

Degree(s) and School _____

LICENSE AND C.L.E. BACKGROUND

I am currently licensed and in good standing with the state bar and the Texas Supreme Court?

☐ YES ☐ NO

Are you certified by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization? ☐ YES ☐ NO

If Yes, in what area(s): _____

How many years have you been practicing Criminal Law? _____

Have you been admitted to practice law in the Federal Courts? ☐ YES ☐ NO

I have a law office in a county in addition to Van Zandt County, Texas.

☐ NO ☐ YES

Where/City? _____

CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION:

I have attended 6 hours or more of criminal law and procedure CLE last reporting period as reported to the State Bar of Texas.

☐ YES ☐ NO If no, when do you plan on completing the 6 hours required? _____

Have you attended the Advanced Criminal Law Seminar sponsored by the State Bar of Texas in the last five years? ☐ YES ☐ NO. If yes, which years? _____

I am currently planning to attend the following C.L.E. courses in the next year.

**OTHER EDUCATION, BACKGROUND, RESEARCH OR TRAINING IN THE AREA OF
CRIMINAL LAW: (Please briefly describe)**

(Attach a separate sheet if necessary for additional information) _____

CRIMINAL CASE/TRIAL/EXPERIENCE

Your current criminal caseload consists of how many cases? _____

Before which courts have you routinely appeared? _____

Before which Active Judge(s) have you represented a defendant in a criminal trial?

I have tried approximately _____ Criminal cases to JURY verdict.

I have argued approximately _____ Motions to Suppress Hearings.

I have tried approximately _____ Punishment Hearings.

Approximately _____% of my practice is devoted to areas other than criminal law.

OTHER SKILLS

Indicate areas in which you have unique training or skill. (Attach a separate sheet if necessary for additional information)

Mental health cases ☐ YES ☐ NO

(If yes, please describe) _____

Drug/Alcohol cases ☐ YES ☐ NO

(If yes, please describe) _____

Domestic Violence/Assault cases ☐ YES ☐ NO

(If yes please describe) _____

Other (please describe) ☐ YES ☐ NO

List and describe other activities related to criminal law:

Speaking: _____

Teaching: _____

Legal Publications: _____

Please describe anything you wish to include for consideration that you feel makes you uniquely qualified to accept contract appointments in criminal misdemeanor cases. (Attach a separate sheet if necessary for additional information) _____

List any professional organizations or associations to which you belong: _____

LANGUAGE AND COMMUNICATION SKILLS

I am qualified as a Spanish bilingual attorney and request consideration for a contract to include Spanish speaking defendants. ☐ YES ☐ NO

ETHICS AND PRIOR SANCTION HISTORY DISCLOSURE

Are you currently under indictment or charged for a criminal offense other than a class C traffic offense?
☐ YES ☐ NO

Have you been sanctioned by the State Bar of Texas for any ethical violation?

☐ YES ☐ NO

For purposes of this inquiry, "Sanctioned" is defined as disbarment, probation, public reprimand, suspended, fined, or such other State Bar of Texas sanction that is of public record.

Will you comply with The Texas Lawyer's Creed – A Mandate for Professionalism?

☐ YES ☐ NO

Will you obtain copies and keep yourself informed of the local rules of procedure for Van Zandt County, Texas?

☐ YES ☐ NO

**CERTIFICATION OF KNOWLEDGE OF STANDING RULES FOR PROCEDURES FOR
TIMELY AND FAIR APPOINTMENT OF COUNSEL FOR INDIGENT ACCUSED
PERSONS IN VAN ZANDT COUNTY, TEXAS**

☐ I certify that I have reviewed the Van Zandt County Indigent Defense Plan for the District Court and will comply with said plan, rules, and orders.

☐ I certify that I will zealously represent my client but always within the bounds of the law and legal ethics of Texas.

☐ I certify that my schedule will allow for the necessary and proper representation of defendant appointments.

☐ I understand that I must timely submit my monthly progress statement before payment will be made including the number of cases disposed of in the previous month and the types of cases as well as the number of cases currently open and assigned by the courts. The presiding Judge may require other information, which is necessary and relevant.

☐ I understand that I have a continuing duty to file a monthly statement and notify the court within 30 days of the date any of the above information changes.

I hereby certify that the above information is true and correct.

Witness my signature on this the _____ day of _____, 20_____.

SIGNATURE