

“EXHIBIT E”
SCHEDULE OF FEES FOR COMPENSATION OF APPOINTED COUNSEL
FOR INDIGENT DEFENDANTS – WICHITA COUNTY

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Effective January 1, 2025

Pursuant to the provisions of Art. 26.05, Texas Code of Criminal Procedure, and other applicable statutes, the following Schedule of Fees is hereby adopted by the County, County Courts at Law and District Judges of Wichita County, Texas, for use in criminal and civil cases where required by law. **This Schedule of Fees is effective for matters filed after January 1, 2025.**

Fixed rate for agreed criminal pleas

Misdemeanors: \$ 300.00

Felony:

Pre-Indictment Disposition \$ 400.00

Post-Indictment Disposition – Count 1 \$ 550.00

All Subsequent Counts \$ 350.00

**Fixed rate for juvenile adjudication and/or disposition
hearings \$ 500.00**

Juvenile Detention Hearings \$ 175.00

CPS adversary hearings \$ 300.00

Subsequent CPS hearings \$ 200.00

Attorney General (Title IV-D)/Child Support Hearings \$ 200.00

Hourly rates: \$ 75.00 - \$ 150.00

Daily rate for actual trial in court \$1000.00

PROCESS FOR PAYMENT

- Requests for compensation that are submitted on an hourly rate shall be submitted in increments of 1/10th of an hour;
- Reasonable expenses, including expenses for investigation and for mental health and other experts, shall be reimbursed pursuant to the provisions of art. 26.05(d), code of criminal procedure;
- Compensation for court-appointed counsel will be approved on a case by case basis, depending upon the time and labor required, the complexity of the case and the experience and ability of the appointed counsel.
- The following criteria shall be considered in calculating the attorney fees:
 1. Reasonable time spent in court making an appearance;
 2. Reasonable time spent in trial;
 3. Reasonable and necessary time spent out of court, supported by documentation as required by the Court; and
 4. Reasonable time spent in the preparation of an appellate brief.

PROCESS FOR PAYMENT (continued)

- The forms for claiming fixed rate compensation and/or expenses reimbursement, and for claiming hourly rate compensation and/or expenses reimbursement are available in the Court Administrator's Office on the third floor of the Wichita County Courthouse. All applications for compensation must be submitted on one of these forms or on a substantially similar form in order to be approved.
- All applications for compensation must be submitted within sixty (60) days of the final disposition date, except for cases concluded in December, in which case the application must be submitted no later than the last business day of January of each year.
- All applications for compensation for pending cases that will not be concluded by December 31st, must be submitted as an itemized hourly fee application no later than the last business day of January of each year for work performed through December 31st;
- "Flat fee" applications are not to be submitted unless the case is concluded. If a prior application for compensation was submitted, and paid, an appointed attorney must submit either: 1) an itemized hourly fee application for work completed after December 31st, or 2) an invoice for the difference between the hourly fee application order and the approved fixed rate;
- Applications for compensation submitted after the deadlines set out above will not be approved; and
- All applications other than "flat fee" applications shall be accompanied by an itemization of the work performed and the expenses incurred.