Modified Policy on Indigent Attorney Fees for Civil, Family and Juvenile Cases

(Effective April 1, 2024, the hourly rate will not exceed $155 plus reimbursable allowable expenses.)

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Professional Fees: Two-Tier Structure

Tier I:

Attorneys compensated at $155 per hour plus reimbursable allowable expenses as listed in the footnote below.[1] To be eligible for the Tier I compensation rate, an attorney must:

- ✓ Be Board Certified through the *Texas Board of Legal Specialization (TBLS)* in Child Welfare Law, Civil Trial Law, Criminal Law, Family Law or Juvenile Law.

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- ✓ Obtain certification from the *National Association of Counsel for Children* as a Child Welfare Law Specialist (CWLS).

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- ✓ Meets the minimum qualifications for Level 3 cases pursuant to the Juvenile Board Plan and is approved by the Juvenile Board to be on the Travis County Juvenile Appointment List (Approved at the Judges' Monthly Business Meeting on March 10, 2021.)

  ~or~

- ✓ Successfully pass a language proficiency test at a designated language center per the policy and guidelines of the *Travis County Human Resources Management Department (HRMD).*

Tier II:

Attorneys compensated at $125 per hour plus reimbursable allowable expenses as listed below.

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[1] Reimbursable allowable expenses include:

- Paralegal or legal assistant fees calculated at $30 per hour.
- Texas e-Filing fee *(This does not apply to e-Filing fees for CPS-related cases)*.
- Mileage only for travel outside of Travis County using the current IRS rate. *(This does not include reimbursement of mileage for travel to and from your residence or place of business to the location of the Travis County court building or to visit a child in Travis County.)*
- Photocopies at $.10 per page.
- Postage.
- Long distance telephone calls.
- Service of citation charges.
- An hourly travel rate of $125 per hour both Tier I and Tier II attorneys.

Approved this 1st day of April, 2024, with an effective date of April 1, 2024.

Amy Clark Meachum
Local Administrative District Judge