

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

**EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 1, 2016 FOR SERVICES RENDERED ON OR AFTER THAT DATE**

The goal of these payment guidelines is to assure quality representation for indigent persons charged with misdemeanor crimes in Travis County. Those cases appropriate for trial should be tried and those appropriate for plea should be pled.

The Program Administrator reserves the right to deviate from these guidelines in particular cases where the amount or quality of work performed is substantially above or below the norm.

Court appointed attorneys remain attorneys of record until final disposition of their cases unless a motion to withdraw or to substitute counsel is granted.

**PAYMENT GUIDELINES**

Jail Release Work	\$50.00 per hour
Attorney Released	\$50.00 per case
Jail Reduction Docket:	
Plea and Sentence (1 defendant/1 case) <sup>1</sup>	\$175.00 per case
Discover and Dismissal (1 defendant/1 case) <sup>1</sup>	\$175.00 per case
Probation Revocation (continued or revoked) <sup>1</sup>	\$175.00 per case
Non-Jail Reduction Docket:	
Plea and Sentence (1 defendant/1 case) <sup>1</sup>	\$275.00 per case
Discovery and Dismissal (1 defendant/1 case) <sup>1</sup>	\$275.00 per case
Probation Revocation (continued or revoked) <sup>1</sup>	\$275.00 per case
Misdemeanor 12.45's	\$75.00 per case
Pretrial (including preparation)	\$200 per case
Trial Before the Court – Full Day (including discovery and preparation)	\$500 per day
Trial Before the Court – Half Day (including discovery and preparation)	\$250 per half day
Jury trial – Full Day (including discovery and preparation)	\$700 per day
Jury trial – Half Day (including discovery and preparation)	\$350 per half day
Uncontested Competency	\$100 per case
Appeals	\$1,000 per Appeal

<sup>1</sup>\$75 for each additional case

**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.

**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.

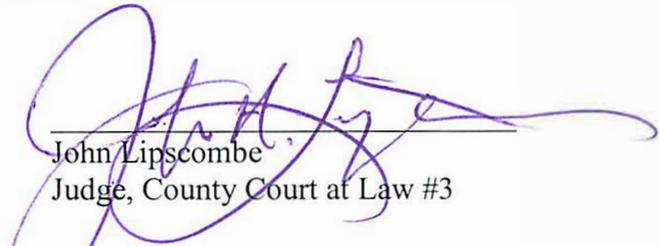
Payment for all of a defendant(s) cases should be requested on one form.

Payment for expenses such as investigators and expert witnesses should be requested on a separate form.

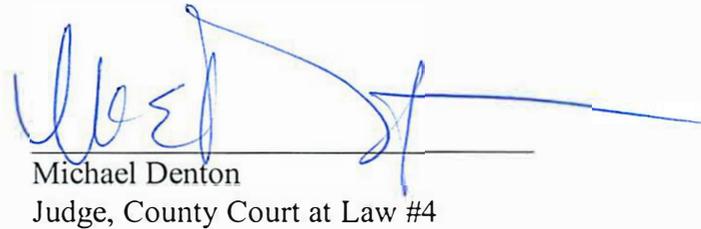
**CAVEAT**

In an unusual case, the considerations set forth in Texas Rules of Professional Conduct Rule 1.04(b) may dictate a fee that is less than or more than the one established by these guidelines. In such event, an hourly rate of \$40 to \$60 may be used in calculating requested fees. Fees 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.

Approved and Ordered this 31 day of October, 2016.



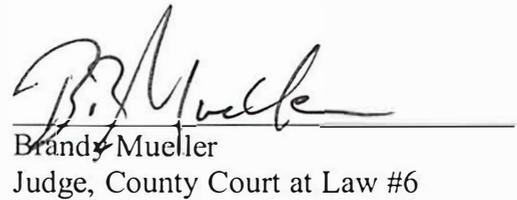
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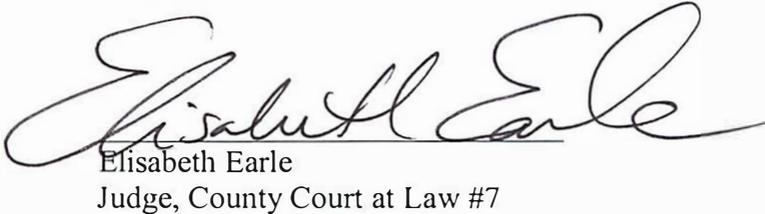
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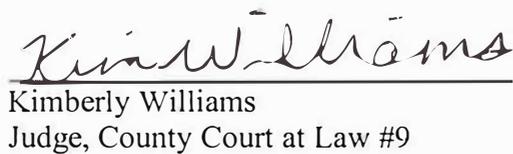
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Judge, County Court at Law #7



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Judge, County Court at Law #9