

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

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Professional Fees: Two-Tier Structure

Tier I:

Attorney's compensated at \$100 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).

~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:

Attorney's compensated at \$75 per hour plus reimbursable allowable expenses as listed below.

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 \$75 per hour both Tier I and Tier II attorneys.

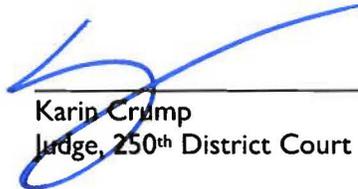
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