

ATTORNEY APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT (LONG)

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF _____

I, _____, (Print name of attorney) do hereby file this statement in compliance with the _____ County Plan and Standing Rules and Orders for Procedures for Timely and Fair Appointment of Counsel for Indigent Accused Persons in _____ County, Texas for establishment of a list of eligible licensed attorneys to represent indigent accused persons in _____ County, Texas and do solemnly swear or affirm that the below information is true and correct. Should any change in this information occur, I understand that I must within 30 days of such change file an Amended Statement of Licensed Attorney Residing or Practicing Law in _____ County, Texas with the local administrative judge of the _____ County District Courts at the _____ County Courthouse in _____, Texas who shall timely notify the local administrative judge of the _____ County Courts at Law of such filing.

ATTORNEY CONTACT INFORMATION:

NAME: _____

BAR CARD #: _____

PHYSICAL ADDRESS (not a post office box):

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE #: _____

RECEPTIONIST #: _____

FAX #: _____

PAGER #: _____

CELLULAR PHONE: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

I will give written notice of any change in these notification numbers to each County Court Judge and District Court Judge in _____ County prior to the change.

Will you keep your fax machine on between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except for holidays? YES NO

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

Law School: _____ Year graduated: _____

Other relevant education: _____

I. INCLUSION ON THE APPOINTMENT LIST

1. I ask that my name BE CONSIDERED FOR INCLUSION on the list of licensed attorneys eligible for court appointments in _____ County, Texas, and I state that I am competent licensed attorney presently certified or qualified to accept appointments in the following types of cases: (Circle Yes or No)

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| 2. MISDEMEANOR criminal cases | YES | NO |
| 3. APPEALS of MISDEMEANOR criminal cases | YES | NO |
| 4. STATE JAIL FELONY criminal cases | YES | NO |
| 5. THIRD DEGREE FELONY criminal cases | YES | NO |
| 6. SECOND DEGREE FELONY criminal cases | YES | NO |
| 7. FIRST DEGREE FELONY criminal cases | YES | NO |
| 8. CAPITAL FELONY criminal cases | YES | NO |
| 9. APPEALS of NON-CAPITAL FELONY cases | YES | NO |
| 10. APPEALS OF CAPITAL FELONY cases | YES | NO |
| 11. JUVENILE cases | YES | NO |
| 12. APPEALS of JUVENILE cases | YES | NO |

13. I am applying to be considered for the following appointments:

14. MISDEMEANOR criminal cases	YES	NO
15. APPEALS of MISDEMEANOR criminal cases	YES	NO
16. STATE JAIL FELONY criminal cases	YES	NO
17. THIRD DEGREE FELONY criminal cases	YES	NO
18. SECOND DEGREE FELONY criminal cases	YES	NO
19. FIRST DEGREE FELONY criminal cases	YES	NO
20. CAPITAL FELONY criminal cases	YES	NO
21. APPEALS of NON-CAPITAL FELONY cases	YES	NO
22. APPEALS OF CAPITAL FELONY cases	YES	NO
23. JUVENILE cases	YES	NO
24. APPEALS of JUVENILE cases	YES	NO

II. LICENSE AND C.L.E. BACKGROUND

LICENSED TO PRACTICE LAW:

- I am currently licensed and in good standing with the state bar and the Texas Supreme Court YES NO
- I am also a licensed attorney in good standing to practice law in the state(s) of:

- I have been admitted to practice law in the United States Federal District Courts for the _____ District of Texas.
- I have been admitted to practice law in the United States Federal District Courts for the _____ District of the state of _____.
- I have been admitted to practice law before the United States Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals YES NO

6. I have been admitted to practice law before the United States _____
Circuit Court of Appeals.

7. I have been admitted to practice law before the United States Supreme Court.

YES NO

8. I have been certified as a specialist by the Board of Legal Specialization of the
State Bar of Texas in the following areas of law: _____

CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION:

1. I have attended the required number of hours for continuing legal education
during the last reporting period as reported to the State Bar of Texas.

YES NO

2. I have attended the Advanced Criminal Law Seminar sponsored by the State Bar
of Texas for the following years:

3. I have attended C.L.E. programs dealing with criminal law issues during the
following years:

4. I have attended C.L.E. programs dealing with juvenile law issues during the
following years:

5. I have attended C.L.E. programs dealing only with non-criminal law areas and certify that I have not attended a C.L.E. program dealing with criminal law.

YES NO

6. I have attended C.L.E. programs dealing with the use of and challenge of mental health or forensic expert witnesses.

YES NO

a. The most recent course attended was on the following date: _____

7. I have attended C.L.E. programs or training relating to criminal defense in death penalty cases.

YES NO

a. The most recent course attended was on the following date: _____

8. I have attended C.L.E. programs relating to investigating and presenting mitigating evidence at the penalty phase of death penalty trials.

YES NO

a. The most recent course attended was on the following date: _____

9. I have attended C.L.E. programs relating to appeals of criminal cases.

YES NO

a. The most recent course attended was on the following date: _____

10. I have attended C.L.E. programs relating to appeals of juvenile cases.

YES NO

a. The most recent course attended was on the following date: _____

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

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

(Attach a separate sheet if necessary for additional information)

III. CRIMINAL AND JUVENILE TRIAL/APPEALS EXPERIENCE

1. I hereby certify that the following is my experience in handling criminal /juvenile cases: (Circle YES or NO)
2. I have been lead counsel in three (3) or more misdemeanor cases.

YES NO
3. I have been lead counsel in one or more misdemeanor appeals.

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| | YES | NO |
| 4. I have been lead counsel in three (3) or more juvenile cases. | | |
| | YES | NO |
| 5. I have been lead counsel in one or more juvenile appeals. | YES | NO |
| 6. I have been lead counsel in three (3) or more non-capital felony cases. | | |
| | YES | NO |
| 7. I have been co-counsel or sat second chair in three (3) or more non-capital felony cases. | YES | NO |
| 8. I have been lead counsel in one or more non-capital felony appeals. | | |
| | YES | NO |
| 9. I have been lead counsel in one or more capital felony cases – death penalty waived. | YES | NO |
| 10. I have been lead counsel in one or more capital felony cases – death penalty sought. | YES | NO |
| 11. I have been co-counsel or sat second chair in one or more capital felony cases – death penalty waived. | YES | NO |
| 12. I have been co-counsel or sat second chair in one or more capital felony cases – death penalty sought. | YES | NO |
| 13. I have been lead counsel in one or more capital felony appeals – life sentence assessed. | YES | NO |
| 14. I have been lead counsel in one or more capital felony appeals – death penalty assessed. | YES | NO |
| 15. I have served as lead counsel in one or more capital felony 11.071 writ appeals. | | |

YES NO

16. I have tried approximately _____ misdemeanor case to JURY verdict.

17. I have tried approximately _____ juvenile cases to JURY verdict.

18. I have tried approximately _____ non-capital felony cases to JURY verdict.

19. I have tried approximately _____ capital (death sought) felony cases to JURY verdict.

20. I have filed approximately _____ appellate briefs in misdemeanor cases.

21. I have filed approximately _____ appellate briefs in juvenile cases.

22. I have filed approximately _____ appellate briefs in non-capital felony cases.

23. I have filed approximately _____ appellate briefs in capital (death sought) felony cases.

24. I have filed approximately _____ 11.071 death penalty writ applications.

25. Approximately _____% of my practice is devoted to criminal law.

26. Approximately _____% of my practice is devoted to juvenile law.

IV. LANGUAGE AND COMMUNICATION SKILLS

1. I certify that I am capable of communicating in the following languages:
2. English YES NO
3. Spanish YES NO
4. Deaf – Sign Language YES NO
5. Other: (Specify) _____

V. ETHICS AND PRIOR SANCTION HISTORY DISCLOSURE

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

	YES	NO
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 - a. **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.**
2. Have you been found by a trial judge and/or appellate court to have provided ineffective assistance of counsel?

	YES	NO
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3. Will you comply with the State Bar Rules for Professional Conduct?

	YES	NO
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4. Will you comply with The Texas Lawyer’s Creed – A Mandate for Professionalism?

	YES	NO
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5. Will you obtain copies and keep yourself informed of the local rules of procedure for _____ County, Texas?

	YES	NO
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VI. CERTIFICATION OF KNOWLEDGE OF STANDING RULES FOR PROCEDURES FOR TIMELY AND FAIR APPOINTMENT OF COUNSEL FOR INDIGENT ACCUSED PERSONS IN _____ COUNTY, TEXAS

I certify that I have received, read, and understand the Interim Indigent Defense Plan for _____ County dated _____, _____, 20__ and will comply with said plan, rules, and orders.

I acknowledge that I shall contact any accused person I am appointed to represent by the end of the first working day following notification of my appointment.

I acknowledge that I shall interview said accused person as soon as practicable.

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

I understand that I must timely submit my bill for:

1. Indigent legal representation on the date a case is disposed of by a plea or bench trial; or
2. Indigent legal representation within 15 days of the date of judgment in a jury trial; or
3. Indigent appeal representation within 15 days of the date a mandate is returned on appeal.

I understand that I have a continuing duty to file an Amended Statement 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

Print Name: _____

Please attach any other information that would qualify you for appointments in specialized areas

REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS

Your application will not be complete until you submit the following items:

1. Your most recent annual CLE report from the State Bar.
2. If you have ever been sanctioned by the State Bar Grievance Committee, attach the decision(s) by the committee and, if desired, a written explanation.

3. If you have ever been sanctioned for failure to appear before a court, attach any applicable court documents and, if desired, a written explanation.
4. If you have ever admitted, in connection with an official proceeding, to having provided ineffective assistance of counsel, attach any applicable documents and, if desired, a written explanation.
5. If you have ever been convicted or placed on deferred adjudication for any offense other than traffic, attach copies of all final orders (or those deferring adjudication) and judgments.
6. If you are applying for appellate appointments, attach a copy of a brief you have authored and which was filed within the past five (5) years.