

**STANDING ORDER FOR COMPENSATION OF ATTORNEYS  
APPOINTED TO REPRESENT INDIGENT ACCUSED JUVENILES**

On the 13th day of November, 2001, the 97<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Juvenile Board, after a duly called and conducted meeting and discussion, did unanimously adopt this schedule of fees concerning compensation of court-appointed counsel for indigent accused juveniles and related expenses made pursuant to the Texas Rules of Criminal Procedure and Texas Family Code; therefore, it is ORDERED that compensation of court-appointed counsel and related expenses, made pursuant to a motion in the format prescribed by the appointing court, shall be as follows on a case-by-case basis as determined by the judge:

**I. MISDEMEANOR & FELONY CASES**

A. Compensation for time spent by counsel out of court or waiting in Court shall be not less than FIFTY DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$50.00) per hour nor more than SEVENTY DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$70.00) per hour.

B. Compensation for time spent in court in a hearing shall not be less than SEVENTY DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$70.00) per hour nor more than ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$100.00) per hour.

C. Total compensation for all pre-trial, trial, post-trial, and appellate court appointed counsel services shall not exceed the following, unless the Court finds exceptional circumstances or that good cause for exceeding said total amount exists:

True Plea - Misdemeanor	\$	150.00
True Plea - State Jail Felony	\$	220.00
True Plea - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Degree Felony	\$	220.00
True Plea - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Degree Felony	\$	220.00
True Plea - 1 <sup>st</sup> Degree Felony	\$	220.00
True Plea - Multiple Case	\$	220.00
Dismissal of Filed Case	\$	220.00

Non-Jury Trial - Not True Plea:

Misdemeanor	\$	500.00
State Jail Felony, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Degree Felony	\$	1,000.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Degree, 1 <sup>st</sup> Degree Felony	\$	1,500.00

Jury Trial

Misdemeanor	\$	750.00
State Jail Felony, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Degree Felony	\$	1,500.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Degree, 1 <sup>st</sup> Degree Felony	\$	2,000.00

Appeal of Non Jury Trial		
Misdemeanor	\$	1,000.00
State Jail Felony, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Degree Felony	\$	1,200.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Degree, 1 <sup>st</sup> Degree Felony	\$	1,500.00

Appeal of Jury Trial		
Misdemeanor	\$	1,000.00
Senate Jail Felony, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Degree Felony	\$	1,500.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Degree and 1 <sup>st</sup> Degree Felony	\$	2,000.00

## II. REIMBURSEMENT FOR REASONABLE EXPENSES FOR PURPOSES OF INVESTIGATION AND EXPERT TESTIMONY

A. In misdemeanor criminal cases appointed counsel will be reimbursed for reasonable expenses that are incurred provided prior court approval has been granted upon motion, application and a hearing held on said motion. Reasonable expenses upon prior court approval after motion and application may include expenses incurred for investigation, and expert testimony, and will be in addition to the total compensation referred to in Section I of this Order. Said fees shall not exceed TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS (\$250.00) in total investigator fees and THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00) in total expert fees.

B. In felony criminal cases appointed counsel will be reimbursed for reasonable expenses that are incurred provided prior court approval has been granted upon motion and application and a hearing held on said motion. Reasonable expenses upon prior court approval and after motion and application may include expenses incurred or expected to be incurred for investigation and expert testimony, and will be in addition to the total compensation referred to in Section I of this order. Said fees shall not exceed FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00) in total investigator fees and FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00) in total expert fees.

## III. REQUEST FOR PAYMENT OF ATTORNEY'S FEES AND EXPENSES

Each attorney shall prepare a detailed statement of the nature of the services performed, the date of such performance, and the actual time spent on each such date and service, and shall submit to said statement with a verified affidavit to the trial judge:

1. within 15 days of the date of disposition of a case by a plea or bench trial; or
2. within 15 days of the date of verdict in a jury trial; or
3. within 15 days of the date the mandate being returned in an appeal.

Bills for indigent attorneys fees not timely filed will be considered waived, the services performed PRO BONO, and said request for attorney's fees shall not be paid.

If the trial judge disapproves the requested amount the judge shall make written findings stating the amount of payment approved and the reasons for approving an amount different from the requested