

**STANDING ORDER FOR COMPENSATION OF ATTORNEYS
APPOINTED TO REPRESENT INDIGENT DEFENDANTS**

On the _____ day of _____, 2001 the below named County Court and District Court Judges with criminal and/or juvenile jurisdiction, after a duly called and conducted meeting and discussion, did unanimously adopt this schedule of fees concerning compensation of court-appointed counsel for indigent defendants and related expenses made pursuant to Article 26.05, Texas Rules of Civil Procedure: 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. JUVENILE, NON-FELONY AND FELONY CASES

A. Compensation for time spent by counsel out of court shall be not less than FORTY DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$40.00) per hour nor more than NINETY DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$90.00) per hour.

B. Compensation for time spent in court shall not be less than FIFTY DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$50.00) per hour nor more than NINETY DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$90.00) per hour.

II. CAPITAL CASE COMPENSATION

In all capital cases the rates for the attorney's services shall be no less than \$70.00 per hour and no more than \$100.00 per hour.

**III. REIMBURSEMENT FOR REASONABLE EXPENSES FOR PURPOSES
OF INVESTIGATION AND EXPERT TESTIMONY**

A. In all 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.

IV. 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 said statement with a verified affidavit to the trial judge:

- A. on the date of disposition of a case by a plea or bench trial; or
- B. within 15 days of the date of verdict in a jury trial; or

- C. within 15 days of the date the mandate being returned in an appeal; or
- D. at such other intervals as ordered by the Court.

If the trial judge disapproves the requested amount the Judge shall make written findings stating the amount of payment approved and the reason for approving an amount different from the requested amount. The attorney whose request for payment has been disapproved may, by written motion, file an appeal with the Presiding Judge of the Administrative Region.

THIS ORDER IS SIGNED AND EFFECTIVE ON THIS THE 6th DAY OF Dec., 2001 AND SAID ORDER SUPERCEDES ANY AND ALL PRIOR COURT STANDING ORDERS FOR ATTORNEY'S FEES AND OTHER EXPENSE COMPENSATION.



HONORABLE STEPHEN B. ABLES
216th Judicial District Court



HONORABLE RICHARD EVANS
Bandaera County Court