

**ATTORNEY APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT (MEDIUM)**

**ATTORNEY CONTACT INFORMATION:**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

BAR CARD #: \_\_\_\_\_

PHYSICAL ADDRESS (not a post office box):  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_

FAX #: \_\_\_\_\_

PAGER #: \_\_\_\_\_

CELLULAR PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

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 in 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 presently certified or qualified to accept appointments in the following types of cases: (Circle Yes or No)

2. Capital Cases-First Chair YES                  NO

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| 3. Capital Cases-Second Chair                                     | YES | NO |
| 4. Felonies   | YES | NO |
| 5. Misdemeanors   | YES | NO |
| 6. Juveniles  | YES | NO |
| 7. I am applying to be considered for the following appointments: |     |    |
| 8. Capital Cases (all)  | YES | NO |
| 9. Non-Death Capital Cases Only                                   | YES | NO |
| 10. 1 <sup>st</sup> Degree Felonies                               | YES | NO |
| 11. 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Degree Felonies             | YES | NO |
| 12. State Jail Felonies   | YES | NO |
| 13. Direct Appeals  | YES | NO |
| 14. Juveniles   | YES | NO |
| 15. Post-Judgment writs   | YES | NO |

**II. LICENSE AND CLE BACKGROUND**

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| 1. I am currently licensed and in good standing with the state bar  | YES   | NO       |
| 2. Are you certified by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization?  | YES   | NO       |
| 3. If yes, in what area:  | _____ |          |
| 4. How many hours of continuing legal education did you average the last three years?<br>(Attach your latest CLE report from the State Bar) _____ |       |          |
| 5. Where did you graduate in your law school class?   | Top ½ | Bottom ½ |

**III. CRIMINAL AND JUVENILE TRIAL/APPEALS EXPERIENCE**

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| 1. How many years have you been in practice?                        | _____ |
| 2. How many juveniles have you represented in the last three years? | _____ |

3. How many, if any, were cases where TYC was a possible punishment? \_\_\_\_\_
4. What was the date of your first court appointment? \_\_\_\_\_
5. How many open criminal files are in your current caseload? \_\_\_\_\_
6. Before which judge(s) have you routinely appeared? \_\_\_\_\_
7. What percentage of your practice is in criminal law? \_\_\_\_\_
8. Approximately how many criminal cases have you tried to conclusion before a jury? (Include hung juries, but exclude agreed competency hearings.) \_\_\_\_\_
9. Of these trials, how many were in the last 5 years? \_\_\_\_\_
10. Of the trials in Question 8, how many were felony cases? \_\_\_\_\_
11. Of these felony trials, in how many were you 1<sup>st</sup> chair? \_\_\_\_\_
12. Of these felony trials, in how many were you 2<sup>nd</sup> chair? \_\_\_\_\_
13. Of the trials in Question 8, how many were misdemeanors? \_\_\_\_\_
14. Of these misdemeanor trials, in how many were you 1<sup>st</sup> chair? \_\_\_\_\_
15. Of these misdemeanor trials, in how many were you 2<sup>nd</sup> Chair? \_\_\_\_\_
16. Of the trials in Question 8, how many were juvenile? \_\_\_\_\_

Indicate the approximate percentage of your trial experience that has involved:

17. Sex Offenses \_\_\_\_\_
18. Drug Offenses \_\_\_\_\_
19. Property Crimes \_\_\_\_\_
20. Assaultive Offenses \_\_\_\_\_
21. Juvenile Offenses \_\_\_\_\_
22. What percentage of your practice consists of criminal appointments? \_\_\_\_\_

23. Approximately how many appeals have you pursued in which you authored the brief (excluding subcontracted briefs)? \_\_\_\_\_

**IV. OTHER SKILLS**

Indicate areas in which you have unique training or skill.

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| 1. Mental health cases                        | YES | NO |
| 2. Level V deaf interpreter                   | YES | NO |
| 3. Fluent in languages(s) other than English: | YES | NO |
| a. Which languages? _____                     |     |    |
| 4. Other (Please describe):                   | YES | NO |

List and describe other activities related to criminal law:

5. Speaking: \_\_\_\_\_
6. Teaching: \_\_\_\_\_
7. Legal Publications: \_\_\_\_\_
8. Please describe anything that you wish to include for consideration that you feel makes you uniquely qualified to accept appointments in criminal cases (e.g. participation in criminal law mentoring or peer review programs; A V rated by Martindale-Hubbell):
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
9. List any professional organizations or associations to which you belong:
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- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

**V. ETHICS AND PRIOR SANCTION HISTORY DISCLOSURE**

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| 1. Are you currently under indictment or charged for a criminal | YES | NO |
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offense other than class C traffic offenses?

2. Do you have an appeal pending of any bar sanction? YES NO

3. Have you ever been sanctioned by the State Bar Grievance Committee? (If yes, what was the decision by the committee and, if desired, any written explanations). YES NO

4. Have you ever been sanctioned for failure to appear before a court? (If so, attach any applicable court documents and, if desired, any written explanations). YES NO

5. Have you ever admitted, in connection with an official proceeding, to having provided ineffective assistance of counsel?(If so, explain by attaching any applicable documents and, if desired, any written explanations). YES NO

6. Have you ever been convicted or placed on deferred Adjudication for any offense other than traffic? (If yes, attach copies of all final orders {or those deferring adjudication} and judgments). YES NO

NOTE: If you are applying for appellate appointments, attach a copy of a brief *authored by you* filed within the last five years.

I hereby certify that the above information is true and correct. I certify that I have received, read and understand the \_\_\_\_\_ County Plan for Timely and Fair Appointment of Counsel for Indigent Accused Persons and will comply with said plan, rules and orders.

Witness my signature on this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE  
Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

SWORN TO *AND* SUBSCRIBED before me on \_\_\_\_\_ (date).

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public in and for  
The State of Texas

My commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_

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.