IN THE 196<sup>TH</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT; IN THE 354<sup>TH</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT; IN THE COUNTY COURT AT LAW NO. 1;

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## IN THE COUNTY COURT AT LAW NO. 2 OF HUNT COUNTY, TEXAS

## STANDING ORDER FOR COMPENSATION

Effective May 1, 2019 the County Courts at Law & the District Court Judges with Jurisdiction amend the schedule of fees to the Court Appointed Counsel as follows:

- I. Felony and Misdemeanor Motion to Revoke cases shall be compensated at \$100 per hour.
- II. Felony cases, Juvenile cases, Mental Commitment cases and Misdemeanor cases shall be compensated at \$100 per hour.
- III. Capital Murder cases in which the State elects to seek the death penalty shall be compensated at \$110 per hour for lead counsel (1<sup>st</sup> chair qualification required) and \$100 per hour for second counsel (2<sup>nd</sup> chair qualification required).
- IV. Attorneys appointed on CPS cases shall be paid \$100 per hour.
- V. Hourly Ad Litem and Guardian Ad Litem rates on non CPS cases will be determined on a case by case basis by the Presiding Judge of the Court from which the appointment originated.
- VI. Standard payment amounts without providing supporting hourly documentation will be as follows:

i.	Misdemeanors	\$200
ii.	Felony	\$250
iii.	MTR (felony or misdemeanors)	\$200
iv.	Juvenile	\$200
v.	Mental	\$200

VII. Appointed counsel shall be reimbursed for reasonable expenses incurred, excluding investigative and expert services, in the course of representing a client, with or without prior court approval. Reasonable expenses will be in addition to attorney fees. Expenses for investigative and expert services REQUIRE PRIOR COURT APPROVAL, and no such fees shall be paid unless approved by prior court order as to the amount incurred. Except as otherwise provided herein, on presentation of a claim for reimbursement the Court shall order the reimbursement of counsel for the expenses if the expenses are reasonably necessary and reasonably incurred.

- VIII. Interpreter compensation is authorized for up to \$500 per Defendant without prior Court Approval.
- IX. Request for payment is governed by a separate order and forms.
- X. Any payment request submitted 6 months or more from the date of the last reasonable and necessary action on the case is subject to being denied by the Court.

THIS STANDING ORDER FOR COMPENSATION IS SIGNED ON THE 18 DAY OF 18 DAY OF 19 AND IS EFFECTIVE FROM SAID DATE. SAID ORDER SUPERSEDES ANY AND ALL PRIOR COURT ORDERS FOR ATTORNEY FEES AND

OTHER EXPENSE COMPENSATION.

Judge Andy Bench

196th Judicial District Court

Judge Keli Aiken

354th Judicial District Court

Judge Timothy & Linden

Huat County Court at Law No. 1

Judge F. Duncan Thomas

Hunt County Court at Law No. 2