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IN THE COUNTY COURTS
GIVING PREFERENCE TO
CRIMINAL MATTERS

COUNTY OF BEXAR

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JOINT ORDER REVISING FEE SCHEDULE

This fee schedule applies to MISDEMEANOR APPOINTMENTS ON CASES FILED ON OR AFTER AUGUST 1, 2011.

The goal of these payment guidelines is to assure quality representation for indigent persons charged with misdemeanor crimes in Bexar County. The fees set forth by this order take into consideration the time and labor required, the complexity of the cases, and the experience and ability of appointed counsel. The fee schedule makes accommodations for reasonable and necessary overhead costs and the availability of qualified attorneys willing to accept the stated rates.

Each Judge has discretion to approve an amount that is above these guidelines , including cases where the amount or quality of work performed is substantially above the norm and in complex cases.

County appointed attorneys remain attorneys of record until final disposition of their cases unless a motion to withdraw or to substitute counsel is granted.

I.

Appointed Counsel shall be a paid a reasonable attorney's fee for performing the following services:

- Attorney released prior to disposition \$50 per case
- Discovery and Dismissal \$140
- Plea and Sentence (1 Defendant, 1 case) \$140
- Plea and Sentence (1 Defendant, Multiple cases) \$140
 - Each succeeding case \$25
- Disposition of Motion to Revoke Probation \$100
- Motion to suppress with live testimony \$60 in addition to fee
- Jury Trial or Trial before the Court \$500
- Appeals to the 4th Court of Appeals \$500

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An attorney is to elect the appropriate payment for the given disposition of the case assigned. The additional payment for motion to suppress hearing will be added to the flat rate fee only when a motion hearing is held and live testimony is taken by the Court. The fee for trials is inclusive of all time preparing for trial, hearings on pre-trial motions, any and all necessary motions filed, all necessary discovery, and actual time in trial. A jury trial means that a jury has been selected. A Trial before the Court means that the first witness is sworn.

II.

All claims for misdemeanor payment must be submitted at the time the case is concluded, with limited exception of when a case is disposed by trial. In those instances a voucher may be submitted within 30 days of the conclusion of the case.

III.

Court appointed counsel will be reimbursed for reasonable and necessary expenses incurred, including expenses for investigation and for mental health or other experts. Counsel should file their motion requesting appointment in advance to get the necessary approval from the Court. The maximum amount to be paid will be \$500.

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It is ORDERED that this Joint Order Revising Fee Schedule be filed for record in the offices of the County Clerk of Bexar County.

SIGNED, ORDERED, AND ENTERED ON THIS 10th day of August, 2011 by:

MTL
for Bill C. White

Judge Bill C. White
Administrative Judge
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