

APPLICATION FOR TRIAL APPOINTMENTS  
TO DEATH PENALTY CASES

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Business Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

FAX No. \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Bar No. \_\_\_\_\_

Are you qualified to represent non-English speaking clients? \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No

Which language(s)? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_I wish to accept appointments on death penalty **first chair** trials.

\_\_\_I wish to accept appointments on death penalty trials **second chair** trials.

**Article 26.052 of the Code of Criminal Procedure requires certain qualifications to accept appointments on death penalty cases, and the Local Selection Committee for the Fourth Administrative Judicial Region has adopted standards for the qualification of attorneys to be appointed to death penalty cases. Outlined below are the qualifications; please respond accordingly:**

**FIRST CHAIR APPOINTMENTS**

Are you a member of the State Bar of Texas? \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No Since what year? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been found by a federal or state court to have rendered ineffective assistance of counsel during the trial or appeal of any capital case? \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No

Have you had at least five years of criminal law experience? \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No

*The statute requires that to be qualified, an attorney must have tried "a significant number" of felony cases. The Criminal District Court Judges of Bexar County have determined a significant number to be eight felony cases and the local selection committee concurs.*

Have you tried to verdict as **lead defense counsel at least eight felony cases**, including homicide trials and other first or second degree felonies? \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No

List cases you have tried to a verdict:

Cause No.	Defendant Name	County
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Please provide proof if case is outside of Bexar County by judgment or court document and attach to this application.

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Do you have trial experience in the use of and challenges to mental health or forensic expert witnesses? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

List cases:

<b>Cause No.</b>	<b>Defendant Name</b>	<b>County</b>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

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Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Do you have trial experience in investigating and presenting mitigating evidence at the penalty phase of a death penalty trial? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

List Case:

<b>Cause No.</b>	<b>Defendant Name</b>	<b>County</b>
_____	_____	_____

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Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Have you completed 5 hours in the past two years of CLE relating to criminal defense in death penalty cases? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

Two of the five hours are allowed to be self-study.

Please attach as proof the CLE printout from the State Bar of Texas and complete the CLE Compliance Affidavit for Death Penalty Cases form.

**SECOND CHAIR APPOINTMENTS**

Do you wish to accept appointments to sit second chair on death penalty trials? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

If the above answer is yes, you must meet the qualifications as set out under 3g and First Degree offenses as follows:

Are you Board Certified in Criminal Law? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No (Automatically Qualified)

Do you have at least four years prior experience in criminal litigation? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No Date licensed: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have prior experience in at least **four felony jury trials** in the last five years, as **lead counsel in two of these trials**?

List Cases:

Cause No.	Defendant Name	County	Date
* _____	_____	_____	_____
* _____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

\*Denotes trial as lead counsel

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Have you completed twelve hours of CLE in Criminal Law in the last calendar year? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

Please attach the most recent CLE printout from the State Bar of Texas and complete the CLE Compliance Affidavit for 3g/ First Degree Cases form.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, Attorney at Law, certify under penalty of law that the above information and facts are true and correct.

EXECUTED on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

**PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO:**  
**CRIMINAL DISTRICT COURTS ADMINISTRATION**  
**101 W. NUEVA, SUITE 301**  
**SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS 78205**  
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