

**Application for Service as Court Appointed Counsel for Indigent Accused Persons
Comal County Courts-at-Law**

Affidavit of Licensed Attorney Residing or Practicing Law in Comal County, Texas

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF COMAL §

I, _____, State Bar of Texas Number _____, do hereby file this affidavit in compliance with the Comal County Court at Law Plan and Standing Rules and Orders for Timely and Fair Appointment of Counsel for Indigent Accused Persons in misdemeanor cases in Comal County, Texas, for establishment of a list of eligible licensed attorneys to represent indigent accused persons in Comal County, Texas. I do solemnly swear or affirm that the below information is true and correct. Should any change in this information occur, I understand that I must within 30 days of such change file an Amended Affidavit with the Presiding County Court at Law Judge of Comal County, Texas.

I have checked below all applicable provisions and have completed the requested information below with full, complete and true answers.

I. QUALIFICATIONS

I am:

- Competent to handle Misdemeanor cases.
- Competent to handle Appeals of Misdemeanor cases.

II. EDUCATIONAL AND CLE BACKGROUND

I certify that I have the following educational and Continuing Legal Educational background:

- Law Degree
- Licensed to practice Law in Texas by the Texas Supreme Court on _____, _____
- I am currently in good standing with the State Bar of Texas and the Texas Supreme Court.
- I have been certified as a specialist by the Board of Legal Specialization of the State Bar of Texas in the following areas of law:_____.
- I have attended the required number of hours for continuing legal education during the last reporting period as reported to the State Bar of Texas.

- () I have attended the Advanced Criminal Law Seminar sponsored by the state Bar of Texas within the preceding three years.
- () I have attended at least 6 hours of CLE programs dealing with criminal law issues during the preceding year.
- () I have attended CLE programs dealing with the use of and challenges to mental health or forensic expert witnesses during the preceding three years.
- () I have attended CLE programs relating to appeals of criminal cases within the preceding three years.

Other education, background, research or training in criminal law:

III. TRIAL AND APPELLATE EXPERIENCE

The following is my experience in handling criminal cases within the preceding five years:

- () I have received misdemeanor and or felony court appointments in Comal County for the previous _____ years.
- () I have been lead counsel in _____ criminal jury trials and/or _____ criminal court trials.
- () I have been lead counsel in one or more criminal appeals.
- () I have been co-counsel or sat second chair in _____ criminal cases.
- () Approximately _____% of my law practice is devoted to criminal cases.
- () I am currently on the court appointment rotation for the following additional counties/courts:

IV. FOREIGN LANGUAGES

I hereby certify that I am capable of communicating in the following languages in addition to English:

- Spanish
- Sign Language
- Other _____

V. ETHICS AND DISCIPLINARY HISTORY

I certify that I:

- Have not been sanctioned by the State Bar of Texas for any ethical violation. For purposes of this inquiry, "Sanctioned" is defined as disbarment, probation, public reprimand, suspended (including probated suspensions), fined or such other State Bar of Texas sanction that is of public record.
- Have not been found by a trial judge and/or appellate court to have provided ineffective assistance of counsel.
- Will comply with the State Bar Rules for Professional conduct, the Texas Lawyer's Creed—A Mandate for Professionalism, and local rules of procedure for Comal County, Texas.
- I have reviewed the Performance Guidelines for Non-Capital Criminal Defense Representation adopted by the State Bar Board of Directors on January 28, 2011.

VI. CERTIFICATION

I certify that I have received, read, and understand the Comal County Courts at Law procedures, rules and orders for the timely and fair appointment of counsel for indigent accused persons in misdemeanor cases in Comal County, Texas, and will comply with said plan, rules, and orders.

I certify that I will follow the Performance Guidelines for Non-Capital Criminal Defense Representation adopted by the State Bar Board of Directors on January 28, 2011.

I acknowledge that I shall contact any accused person I am appointed to represent by the end of the first working day following notification of my appointment.

I acknowledge that I shall interview said accused person as soon as practicable.

I certify that I will zealously represent my client but always within the bounds of the law and legal ethics of Texas.

I certify that on or before January 15th of each year I will submit an affidavit to the county detailing the criminal continuing legal education activities completed in the prior year. Alternatively, an attorney may annually submit documentation showing the attorney is currently certified as a specialist as a specialist in criminal law.

I understand that in the event I request payment other than a standard fee, I must timely submit my bill within 14 days of disposition of the case.

I understand that I have a continuing duty to file an Amended Affidavit within 30 days of the date any of the above information changes.

I understand that I am responsible for reading and calendaring all notices and correspondence from the court. I understand that failure to appear as scheduled with my clients may result in my removal from the court appointment list.

I certify that the above information is true and correct.

Witness my signature this ____ day of _____, 20____.

Printed Name: _____

Address: _____

_____, _____
City, State Zip Code

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me on this ____ day of _____,
20____.

(SEAL)

**NOTARY PUBLIC IN AND FOR THE STATE
OF TEXAS**