

**FAIR DEFENSE ACT
APPOINTMENT PROCEDURES
183RD DISTRICT COURT**

In furtherance of the Fair Defense Act's primary goal of providing qualified counsel to indigent defendants, and in accordance with the procedures of the alternative plan adopted by the judges trying criminal cases in Harris County, the 183rd District Court will use the *individual case* appointment method.

INDIVIDUAL CASE APPOINTMENTS (See *Standards and Procedures 7.1, 8.0 & 9.1*): The Court will use the *individual case* method to appoint attorneys to represent indigent defendants in all cases. Attorneys will be paid in accordance with the established fee schedule.

QUALIFICATIONS:

Individual Case Appointments Criteria: Attorneys selected for *individual case* appointments must meet the qualifications established by the board of judges and appropriate to the offense with which defendant is charged. See *Standards and Procedures 7.1 & 9.1*.

Date signed: _____

9/24/07

Vanessa Velasquez,
Judge, 183rd District Court