

**FAIR DEFENSE ACT
APPOINTMENT PROCEDURES
176TH 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 176th District Court will use a **combination method** of appointing attorneys that combines *individual case and limited term* appointment methods. Attorneys will be paid in accordance with the established fee schedule.

INDIVIDUAL CASE APPOINTMENTS (See *Standards and Procedures*): The Court will use the *individual case* method to appoint attorneys to represent indigent defendants as deemed necessary by the court.

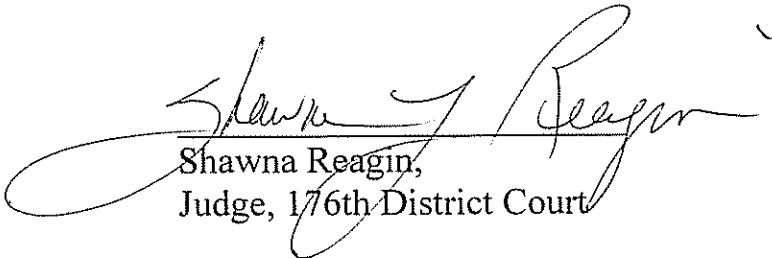
LIMITED TERM APPOINTMENTS (See *Standards and Procedures*): Attorneys will be appointed for a *limited term* consisting of one day to represent indigent defendants.

QUALIFICATIONS:

Individual Case Appointments: 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*.

Limited Term Appointments: Attorneys selected for *limited term* 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*.

Date signed: 26 Oct 2011


Shawna Reagin,
Judge, 176th District Court