

**FAIR DEFENSE ACT  
APPOINTMENT PROCEDURES  
232ND DISTRICT COURT**

The 232nd District Court will use the individual case, limited term and term appointment methods. Attorneys will be paid in accordance with the established fee schedule.

**INDIVIDUAL CASE APPOINTMENTS:** The Court will use the individual case method to appoint attorneys to represent indigent defendants (1) at trial and (2) in post-conviction proceedings on an as-needed basis.

**LIMITED TERM APPOINTMENTS:** The Court will appoint attorneys for daily or weekly assignment on an as-needed basis.

**TERM APPOINTMENTS :** The Court will appoint three attorneys for one-year terms to handle all non-death, post-conviction proceedings, including direct appeals, post conviction writs, and DNA motions.

**QUALIFICATIONS:**

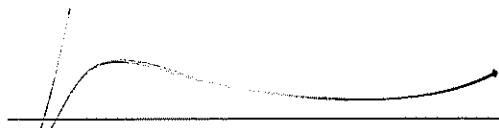
**Individual Case and Limited Term Appointments:** Attorneys assigned according to the individual case method must meet the qualifications established by the board of judges.

**Post-Conviction Term Appointments:** Up to three attorneys will be assigned to handle post-conviction cases, included direct appeals, DNA motions and writs. To qualify for the post-conviction term assignment, attorneys must:

1. be board certified in criminal law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization;
2. have practiced criminal law in Texas for at least 10 years;
3. have written at least 10 appellate briefs in criminal cases; and
4. demonstrate a commitment to completing appellate work in a timely manner and in accordance with the Texas Rules of Appellate Procedure.

**Applications for Post-Conviction Term Appointments:** Attorneys shall submit their request for appointment to the Central Appointment Coordinator no later than 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 1, 2011, for consideration of the assignment for the term beginning January of the following year.

Date signed: 10/20/11

  
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Mary Lou Keel  
Judge, 232nd District Court