

Harris County Competency Restoration Docket

TERM ATTORNEY


The Harris County Competency Restoration Docket will appoint up to three (3) attorneys for a one-year term to advise and represent individuals. The attorneys will be paid on an hourly basis in accordance with the established fee schedule. Such payment will not constitute a conflict with other court appearances. Attorneys should also anticipate covering for each other as needed.

QUALIFICATIONS. Attorneys must meet the following qualifications:

- 1) be licensed and in good standing with the State Bar of Texas;
- 2) have no pending disciplinary action by the State Bar of Texas;
- 3) have practiced in the area of criminal law for at least **four (4)** years;
- 4) have tried to verdict at least **four (4)** felony jury trials as lead counsel;
- 5) meet the criteria for felony certification adopted by the board of judges trying criminal cases in Harris County;
- 6) exhibited proficiency and commitment to providing quality representation to criminal defendants;
- 7) demonstrated professionalism and reliability when providing representation to criminal defendants;
- 8) average **ten (10)** hours a year of continuing legal education courses or other training relating to criminal law;
- 9) be on the current Harris County list of attorneys approved to accept first-degree felony appointments; and
- 10) be willing to participate in training in the areas of addiction and mental illness.
- 11) prior documented experience representing mentally ill defendants preferred.

Applications for Term Appointments: Attorneys shall submit their request for appointment to the Central Appointment Coordinator no later than 3:00p.m. on Thursday, December 1, 2011, for consideration of the assignment for the term beginning January of the following year. The court, in its discretion, may conduct interviews of qualified applicants.

Date: 10/20/2011


Mark Ellis
Judge, 351st District Court