

# Change Through Intervention Mental Health Docket

## TERM ATTORNEY FOR 351<sup>ST</sup> DISTRICT COURT

The Change Through Intervention Mental Health Docket for the 351st District Court will appoint two attorneys for a one-year term to advise and represent individuals accepted into the program. 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. Monthly Staffings are held in the afternoon on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month. Dockets are held every ninety days beginning in March on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday in the afternoon.

**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, 351<sup>st</sup> District Court