

S.T.A.R.
SUCCESS THROUGH ADDICTION RECOVERY
The Harris County Drug Court Program
TERM ASSIGNMENT FOR STAR DOCKET I

The Harris County Drug Court Program will appoint an attorney for a one-year term to advise and represent individuals enrolled in the STAR program. The STAR attorney 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. The attorney will be assigned to the STAR I docket on Monday afternoons. On a rotating basis, attorneys should be available to participate in contract signings on Thursday mornings. Attorneys should also anticipate covering each other's dockets as needed.

QUALIFICATIONS. STAR 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 capital or 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 second-degree (or higher) felony appointments; and
- 10) be willing to participate in training in the areas of addiction and other drug court-related competencies.

APPLICATIONS FOR TERM APPOINTMENTS: Attorneys shall submit their request for appointment 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. The S.T.A.R. team may conduct interviews of the qualified applicants.

Requests may be submitted to: **Mary Covington**

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