



**HARRIS COUNTY
DISTRICT COURTS
TRYING CRIMINAL CASES**



**EXPEDITED STATE-JAIL FELONY DOCKET
TERM ATTORNEYS FOR INDIGENT DEFENSE**

The District Courts Trying Criminal Cases will employ three qualified attorneys for six-month term appointments. (See STANDARDS AND PROCEDURES—APPOINTMENT OF COUNSEL FOR INDIGENT DEFENDANTS § 7.2, 8.0, 9.2). The three term attorneys will be appointed to handle all cases involving indigent defendants on the Expedited State-Jail Felony Docket (ESJFD). The ESJFD is a separate docket that will convene daily and provide for expedited disposition of state-jail felony drug cases. The term attorneys will serve for the remainder of the calendar 2008 term and be considered for the 2009 term.

QUALIFICATIONS:

To qualify for term assignment, attorneys must:

1. be licensed and in good standing with the State Bar of Texas and have practiced criminal law in Texas for at least 5 years;
2. currently be on the public appointment list for felony cases in Harris County; (must be on the first, second, or third-degree list See STANDARDS AND PROCEDURES—APPOINTMENT OF COUNSEL FOR INDIGENT DEFENDANTS § 4.2.4):
4. demonstrate a commitment to representing drug offenders including knowledge of drug treatment opportunities, and alternatives to incarceration.

Interested attorneys should submit their resume and request for appointment to the Administrative Office of the District Courts, Attention: Kelly Smith. Resumes and requests for appointment may be sent via email to: termattorneys@justex.net. The courts, in their discretion, may interview qualified applicants. This posting will remain in effect until the positions are filled.