

HARRIS COUNTY REINTEGRATION COURT (RIC) DOCKET PROGRAM
Term Assignment

In furtherance of the Fair Defense Act's primary goal of providing qualified counsel to indigent defendants, and in accordance with the procedures of the alternative plan adopted by the judges trying criminal cases in Harris County, the RIC court will adopt a term appointment method. The attorneys will be paid in accordance with the established fee method.

TERM APPOINTMENTS. The District Court will appoint attorneys for a six-month term appointment. The term attorneys will be appointed to represent indigent defendants in a limited number of State Jail Felonies. The term attorney will be appointed cases as needed, but will not be appointed to more than five (5) cases per day. The term attorneys will be paid in accordance with the fee schedule adopted by the Harris County Judges and approved by Commissioners Court.

The establishment of a six-month term and the specified conditions of appointment are intended by the Court to ensure the independence of any attorney selected for the term appointment.

If a term attorney is terminated during the term, the Court will state its reasons for such action and will immediately begin accepting applications for a replacement attorney.

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