

HARRIS COUNTY RESPONSIVE INTERVENTIONS FOR CHANGE DOCKET

Job Announcement

CONTRACT ATTORNEY

The Harris County District Courts Trying Criminal Cases will appoint attorneys for a twelve-month term appointment. The term attorneys will be appointed to represent indigent defendants in a limited number of State Jail Felonies and Third Degree 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 twelve-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.

QUALIFICATIONS. RIC 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. exhibited proficiency and commitment and reliability when providing representation to criminal defendants
6. demonstrated professionalism disciplinary action by the State Bar of Texas;
7. average **ten (10)** hours of continuing legal education or other training related to criminal law;
8. be on the current Harris County list of attorneys approved to accept felony appointments; and
9. be willing to participate in training in the areas of addiction and other RIC related competencies.

APPLICATIONS. Attorneys shall submit their request for appointment for consideration of the assignment for the term beginning January 1, 2019. The RIC team may conduct interviews of the qualified applicants.

**Harris County Responsive Interventions for Change (RIC) Docket
Contract Attorney Application**

Attorneys shall submit their request for consideration of the assignment for the term beginning January 1, 2019 by 5:00pm, Monday, December 17, 2018.

Name: _____

Legal Specialization: _____

Email: _____

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Experience with Treatment Courts or Offender Re-entry Programs:

Return to:

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