

**ATTORNEY APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT
OF COUNSEL FOR INDIGENT ACCUSED PERSONS
IN RUSK COUNTY, TEXAS**

ATTORNEY CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: _____

Bar Card #: _____

Physical Address (not a post office box):

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone #: _____

Fax #: _____

Cell Phone #: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Will you keep your fax machine on between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except for Rusk County Holidays? YES NO

Month and year licensed to practice law in Texas: _____

Law school: _____ Year graduated: _____

Other relevant education: _____

I. INCLUSION ON THE APPOINTMENT LIST

I ask that my name **BE CONSIDERED FOR INCLUSION** on the list of licensed attorneys eligible for court appointments in Rusk County, Texas, and I state that I am presently certified or qualified to accept appointments in the following types of cases: (Circle YES or NO)

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| 1. Capital Cases – First Chair | YES | NO |
| 2. Capital Cases – Second Chair | YES | NO |
| 3. Felonies – 1 st or 2 nd Degree | YES | NO |

Please list 5 cases you have been 1st or 2nd chair in **1st or 2nd degree** felony cases:

- 1. Cause # _____ Style _____
- 2. Cause # _____ Style _____
- 3. Cause # _____ Style _____
- 4. Cause # _____ Style _____
- 5. Cause # _____ Style _____

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| 4. Felonies – 3 rd Degree or State Jail | YES | NO |
| 5. Misdemeanors | YES | NO |
| 6. Juveniles | YES | NO |

I am **APPLYING TO BE CONSIDERED** for the following appointment lists:

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| 1. Capital Cases (all) | YES | NO |
| 2. Non-Death Capital Cases Only | YES | NO |
| 3. 1 st and 2 nd Degree Felonies | YES | NO |
| 4. 3 rd Degree Felonies | YES | NO |
| 5. State Jail Felonies | YES | NO |
| 6. Direct Appeals | YES | NO |
| 7. Juveniles | YES | NO |

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| 8. Post-Judgment writs | YES | NO |
| 9. Revocations | YES | NO |

II. LICENSE AND CLE BACKGROUND

- I am currently licensed and in good standing with the State Bar. YES NO
- Are you certified by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization? YES NO
- If yes, in what area: _____
- How many hours of continuing legal education did you average the last three years?
(Attach your latest CLE report from the State Bar) _____
- Where did you graduate in your law school class? TOP ½ BOTTOM ½

III. CRIMINAL AND JUVENILE TRIAL/APPEALS EXPERIENCE

- How many years have you been in practice? _____
- How many juveniles have you represented in the last three years? _____
- How many, if any, were cases where TYC was a possible punishment: _____
- What was the date of your first court appointment? _____
- How many open criminal files are in your current caseload? _____
- Before which judge(s) have you routinely appeared? _____

- What percentage of your practice is in criminal law? _____%
- Approximately how many criminal cases have you tried to conclusion before a jury?
(Include hung juries, but exclude agreed competency hearings.) _____
- Of these trials, how many were in the last years? _____
- Of the trials in Question 8, how many were felony cases? _____

11. Of these felony trials, in how many were you 1st chair? _____
12. Of these felony trials, in how many were you 2nd chair? _____
13. Of the trials in Question 8, how many were misdemeanors? _____
14. Of these misdemeanor trials, in how many were you 1st chair? _____
15. Of these misdemeanor trials, in how many were you 2nd chair? _____
16. Of the trials in Question 8, how many were juvenile? _____

Indicate the approximate percentage of your trial experience that has involved:

17. Sex Offenses _____ %
18. Drug Offenses _____ %
19. Property Crimes _____ %
20. Assaultive Offenses _____ %
21. Juvenile Offenses _____ %
22. What percentage of your practice consists of criminal appointments? _____ %
23. Approximately how many appeals have you pursued in which you authored the brief
(excluding subcontracted briefs?) _____ %

IV. OTHER SKILLS

Indicate areas in which you have unique training or skill.

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| 1. Mental health cases | YES | NO |
| 2. Level V deaf interpreter | YES | NO |
| 3. Fluent in language(s) other than English: | YES | NO |
| a. Which languages? _____ | | |
| 4. Other (Please describe): | _____ | |

List and describe other activities related to criminal law:

5. Speaking: _____
6. Teaching: _____
7. Legal Publications: _____
8. Please describe anything that you wish to include for consideration that you feel makes you uniquely qualified to accept appointments in criminal cases (e.g. participation in criminal law mentoring or peer review programs; AV rated by Martindale-Hubbell):

9. List any professional organizations or associations to which you belong:

V. ETHICS AND PRIOR SANCTION HISTORY DISCLOSURE

1. Are you currently under indictment or charged for a criminal offense other than class C traffic offenses? YES NO
2. Do you have an appeal pending of any bar sanction? YES NO
3. Have you ever been sanctioned by the State Bar Grievance Committee? (If yes, what was the decision by the committee and, if desired, any written explanations). YES NO _____
4. Have you ever been sanctioned for failure to appear before a court? (If so, attach any applicable court documents and, if desired, any written explanations). YES NO
5. Have you ever admitted, in connection with an official proceeding, to having provided ineffective assistance of counsel? (If so, explain by attaching any applicable documents and, if desired, any written explanations). YES NO
6. Have you ever been convicted or placed on deferred adjudication for any offense other than traffic? (If yes, attach copies of all final orders {or those deferring adjudication} and judgments). YES NO

NOTE: If you are applying for appellate appointments, attach a copy of a brief *authored by you* filed within the last five years.

I hereby certify that the above information is true and correct.

Witness my signature on this the _____ day of _____, 20____.

Print Name: _____

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me on _____.

Notary Public in and for The State of Texas

My commission expires: _____

Please attach any other information that would qualify you for appointments in specialized areas

REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS

Your application will not be complete until you submit the following items:

1. Your most recent annual CLE report from the State Bar.
2. If you have ever been sanctioned by the State Bar Grievance Committee, attached the decision(s) by the committee and, if desired, a written explanation.
3. If you have ever been sanctioned for failure to appear before a court, attach any applicable court documents and, if desired, a written explanation.
4. If you have ever admitted, in connection with an official proceeding, to having provided ineffective assistance of counsel, attach any applicable documents and, if desired, a written explanation.
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Judge approved for -

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Signed this _____ day of _____, 20 _____.

Judge Presiding