

AMENDED ORDER
ESTABLISHING COURT APPOINTED ATTORNEY FEE SCHEDULE

RATES FOR THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES:

Non-Capital Murder Cases:

Agreed plea of guilty or nolo contendere to the Court	\$400.00
Multiple pleas – same defendant – \$50.00 per additional case not to exceed \$600.00 for 1 defendant	
Court appearance (includes formal waiver)	\$ 50.00
Hourly rate for jury trials, TBC's, contested revocations, and evidentiary hearings	\$ 90.00 per hour
Out of court hourly rate	\$ 68.00 per hour
Appellate hourly rate	\$100.00 per hour
(Appeals are capped at \$4,900.00 unless written approval to exceed is obtained from the Court)	
Health & Safety Code Section 81.164 appointments and related matters	\$ 90.00 per hour
Contempt of court proceedings (hourly rate in court/out of court)	\$ 90.00 per hour

An additional \$100.00 per defendant who speaks Spanish only will be paid to an appointed attorney fluent in English and Spanish.

Capital Murder Cases:

(Includes both death penalty cases and those where the State has elected not to seek the death penalty)

Hourly rate for jury trial, hearings, and all court appearances	\$ 150.00
Out of court hourly rate	\$ 150.00
Appellate hourly rate (State sought death penalty)	\$ 150.00
Appellate hourly rate (State waived death penalty)	\$ 100.00

EXPENSES:

Reasonable expenses for investigation and experts will be reimbursed provided prior court approval has been granted upon motion and application, or as otherwise provided by law.

This Order was originally put into effect by Judge Knize on January 1, 2005 and on various dates was subsequently revised. It is being amended and published by the undersigned presiding Judges to be effective on the date set forth below.

Ordered and Effective on October 1, 2020.

/s/ Bob Carroll
Judge Bob Carroll
40th District Court
Ellis County, Texas

/s/ Cindy Ermatinger
Judge Cindy Ermatinger
443rd District Court
Ellis County, Texas