

WALKER COUNTY APPLICATION FOR COURT APPOINTMENT

***PLEASE READ AND FOLLOW ALL DIRECTIONS
INCOMPLETE, ILLEGIBLE OR IMPROPERLY PREPARED
APPLICATIONS WILL BE SUMMARILY REJECTED***

THE STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF WALKER §

I, _____, do hereby file this statement in compliance with the Walker County Plan and Standing Rules and Orders for Procedures for Timely and Fair Appointment of Counsel for Indigent Accused Persons in Walker County, Texas for establishment of a list of eligible licensed attorneys to represent indigent accused persons in Walker County, Texas and do solemnly swear or affirm that the below information is true and correct. Should any change in this information occur, I understand that I must within 30 days of such change file an Amended Statement of Licensed Attorney Residing or Practicing Law in Walker County, Texas with the local administrative judge of the Walker County District Courts at the Walker County Courthouse in Huntsville, Texas who shall timely notify the local administrative judge of the Walker County Courts at Law of such filing.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, 20____.

Notary Public, State of Texas

**Return application to Tia Schweitzer: 1100 University Avenue, Suite 303, Huntsville,
Texas 77340, 936-436-4682, tmschweitzer@co.walker.tx.us**

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Name: _____ SBN: _____

Firm/Employer: _____

Physical Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Office Number: _____ Fax Number: _____

Cell Number: _____ Home Number: _____

Email address: _____

List all foreign languages in which you are fluent (if any): _____

Office location (*check one box below*):

☐ I have an office in Walker County or in a county adjacent to Walker County

☐ I do not have an office in Walker County or a county adjacent to Walker County but I will be available to the court and to clients through the following means: _____

I am board certified in the following areas: _____

Yes No Have you ever been sanctioned or reprimanded by the State Bar of Texas?
If yes, attach decisions by the committee and, if desired, any written explanations.

Yes No Do you have any pending grievances?
If yes, attach a document explaining.

Yes No Have you ever been sanctioned for failure to appear before a court?
If yes, attach any applicable court documents and, if desired any written explanation.

Yes No Have you ever been removed from an appointment list?
If yes, on a separate page list the county, type of appointments and the reason.

Initial

_____ I am currently licensed and in good standing to practice law in the state of Texas.

_____ I agree that I will provide representation in the appointed cases. I will not send an associate in my firm or any other individual in my place to represent a party who is not qualified under these rules.

_____ I agree to accept all communications and correspondence from the courts via email.

_____ I agree to submit by October 15 of each year a statement for Walker County that describes the percentage of practice time that was dedicated to work based on appointments accepted in Walker County for the 12 months prior that begins October 1 and ends September 30 through the online form promulgated by the Texas Indigent Defense Commission.

- _____ I have read the Walker County Fair Defense Act Plan and I agree to abide by the rules and conditions of appointment set forth.
- _____ I understand that I have a continuing duty to file an amended application within thirty (30) days of the date any of information in this application changes.
- _____ I will comply with the State Bar Rules for Professional Conduct.
- _____ I will comply with the Texas Lawyer's Creed.
- _____ I will obtain copies and keep myself informed of the local rules for each court in Walker County.
- _____ I will accept and access discovery in criminal cases through the Walker County District Attorney ediscovery portal on their website.
- _____ I will maintain the technology required to participate in all matters via Zoom when necessary.

I ask that my name be considered for inclusion on the list of licensed attorneys eligible for court appointments in Walker County for each appointment list checked below. I state that I am competent and qualified to accept appointments for each appointment list checked below.

- ☐ felony
- ☐ felony appeals
- ☐ attorney ad litem/amicus attorney (family)
- ☐ attorney ad litem (civil)

You may remove the application pages that do not relate to the categories in which you are requesting appointment however, **no application shall be considered without pages 1, 2 and 3.**

FELONY APPOINTMENT LIST

(check and complete all that apply)

- ☐ I have served in a county or district attorney's office for at least two (2) years -OR- I have practiced criminal defense on a regular basis for a minimum of two (2) years.
- ☐ I have the recommendations of at least two judges who believe I am qualified to represent defendants charged with felony offenses. *(List name of judges and courts below)*
- Name: _____ Court: _____
- Name: _____ Court: _____
- ☐ I have been lead counsel in at least three (3) misdemeanor jury trials -OR- first or second chair in at least two felony jury trials. *(List cause number and style below)*
1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
- ☐ I do not technically qualify to receive felony appointments but I wish to apply for an exception based on the following reasons: _____
- _____
- _____

FELONY APPEALS APPOINTMENT LIST

(check and complete all that apply)

- ☐ I have prior appellate experience. *(attach a copy of a brief you have authored within the last five (5) years)*
- ☐ I do not technically qualify to receive felony appellate appointments but I wish to apply for an exception based on the following reasons: _____
- _____
- _____

ATTORNEY AD LITEM/AMICUS ATTORNEY APPOINTMENT LIST

(family law cases)

- ☐ I devote _____% of my law practice to family law.
- ☐ I have attended at least three (3) hours of CLE in the area of family law and attorney ad litem/amicus duties within the past two (2) years -OR- I have been unable to meet the above CLE requirement for the following reasons: _____

- ☐ I do not technically qualify to receive attorney ad litem/amicus attorney appointments but I wish to apply for an exception based on the following reasons: _____

ATTORNEY AD LITEM APPOINTMENT LIST

(civil cases)

- ☐ I devote _____% of my law practice to civil law.