

**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 Casey Robertson: 1100 University Avenue, Suite 102,
Huntsville, Texas 77340, 936-436-4920, crobertson@co.walker.tx.us**

WALKER COUNTY APPLICATION FOR COURT APPOINTMENT

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 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: _____

*** attach your latest annual CLE report from the State Bar of Texas

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| 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 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
- misdemeanor
- misdemeanor appeals
- juvenile
- CPS
- child support enforcement
- attorney ad litem/amicus attorney (family)
- attorney ad litem (civil)
- guardian/attorney ad litem (estates code)
- mental health commitment

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: _____

MISDEMEANOR APPOINTMENT LIST

(check and complete all that apply)

- I agree to attend court on the 1st and 3rd Thursday at 1:30P.M. or send another attorney in my place who qualifies under these rules.
- I have completed at least six (6) hours of CLE in the area of criminal law and procedure in the past year.
- I have a minimum of one (1) year experience in criminal law
- I have not been the recipient of any public disciplinary action within the last two (2) years.
- I do not technically qualify to receive misdemeanor appointments but I wish to apply for an exception based on the following reasons: _____

MISDEMEANOR APPEALS APPOINTMENT LIST

(check and complete all that apply)

- I am board certified in criminal law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization.
- I have personally authored and file at least three (3) criminal appellate briefs. *(attach a copy of a brief you have authored within the last five (5) years)*
- I worked as a briefing clerk for an appellate court for at least one (1) year.
- I do not technically qualify to receive misdemeanor appellate appointments but I wish to apply for an exception based on the following reasons: _____

JUVENILE APPOINTMENT LIST

(check and complete all that apply)

- I have completed at least six (6) hours of CLE in the area of juvenile or criminal law and procedure in the past year.
- I am knowledgeable in juvenile law and I am aware of the collateral consequences of a juvenile adjudication and disposition.
- I have not been the recipient of any public disciplinary action within the last two (2) years.

CINS or Delinquent Conduct in which TJJD is not an authorized disposition

- I have at least one (1) year experience in juvenile law.
- I have observed or participated in at least two (2) stipulated adjudications.
- I have observed or participated in at least five (5) contested adjudications.
- I have observed or participated in at least five (5) dispositions.
- I have observed or participated in at least two (2) detention hearings.
- I have participated in at least five (5) criminal or juvenile trials. *(List cause number and style below)*
- I do not technically qualify to receive juvenile appointments but I wish to apply for an exception based on the following reasons: _____

Delinquent Conduct in which TJJD is an authorized disposition

- I have at least two (2) years experience in juvenile law.
- I have participated in at least five (5) criminal or juvenile trials with at least two (2) tried to a jury verdict. *(List cause number and style below)*
 - 1. _____
 - 2. _____
- I do not technically qualify to receive juvenile appointments but I wish to apply for an exception based on the following reasons: _____

Determinate Sentence Cases

- I have at least five (5) years experience in juvenile law.

I have participated in at least ten (10) criminal or juvenile trials with at least five (5) tried to a jury verdict. (*List cause number and style below*)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

I do not technically qualify to receive determinate sentence juvenile appointments but I wish to apply for an exception based on the following reasons: _____

CPS APPOINTMENT LIST

(check and complete all that apply)

- I have observed at least one (1) court session in Walker County in which abuse, neglect, dependency or termination of parental rights cases were heard on _____, 20____.
- I have observed at least one (1) contested adjudicatory or termination hearing in Walker County in which abuse, neglect, dependency or termination of parental rights cases were heard on _____, 20____.
- I have attended at least three (3) hours of CLE in the area of family law and CPS cases with a focus on the duties of an ad litem 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 CPS appointments but I wish to apply for an exception based on the following reasons: _____

CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT APPOINTMENT LIST

(check and complete all that apply)

- I have observed at least one (1) child support enforcement court session in Walker County on _____, 20____.
- I have observed at least one (1) child support contempt hearing in Walker County on _____, 20____.
- I have attended at least three (3) hours of CLE in the area of family law and child support enforcement 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 child support enforcement 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.

GUARDIAN/ATTORNEY AD LITEM APPOINTMENT LIST

(estates code cases)

- I devote _____% of my law practice to probate, trusts and guardianship law.
- I am certified to accept Guardianship cases under Texas Estates Code Section 1054.201. (*attach certificate*)

MENTAL HEALTH COMMITMENT APPOINTMENT LIST

- I will be available to the court with twenty-four (24) hours notice of appointment.
- I am familiar with and understand Chapter 574 of the Texas Health and Safety Code.