

Application For Misdemeanor Court-Appointments

Full legal name: _____

Birth month: _____

Texas Bar card #: _____

Date licensed to practice law in Texas: _____

Principle office physical address (not a post office box): _____

Principle office mailing address: _____

Principle office telephone number(s): _____

Principle office fax number(s): _____

Pager number(s): _____

Mobile telephone number(s): _____

Regularly monitored e-mail address(es): _____

Please Circle: Yes or No

Yes No 1. Are you currently a member in good standing with the State Bar of Texas?

Yes No 2. Are you certified in criminal law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization?

Yes No 3. Have you ever been sanctioned by the State Bar of Texas Grievance Committee or the Texas Commission on Lawyer Discipline?

Yes No 4. Do you have an appeal pending of any State Bar of Texas sanction?

Yes No 5. Have you ever been sanctioned for failure to timely appear before a court?

Yes No 6. Has a court ever found that you have provided ineffective assistance of counsel?

Yes No 7. Have you ever been sanctioned by a court for any misconduct committed while representing a client?

Yes No 8. Are you currently under indictment or charged for a criminal offense other than class C traffic offenses?

Yes No 9. Have you ever been convicted or placed on deferred adjudication for any offense other than a class C traffic offense?

Yes No 10. Do you have unique training or skill in mental health cases?

Yes No 11. Do you have training or skill as a deaf interpreter?

Yes No 12. Is your principle office located in Tarrant County, Texas?

Yes No 13. Do you maintain a secretary, receptionist, answering service, or regularly monitored answering machine or voice mail system at your principle office in Tarrant County, Texas?

Yes No 14. Are you fluent in any other language other than English?
If so, please list. _____

Yes No 15. Do you represent any governmental entity as a judge or attorney?
If so, please list. _____

Yes No 16. Do you have any legal conflicts that would prohibit you from taking appointments? If so, please state. _____

Yes No 17. Is there any matter that would disqualify you by law, regulation, rule or this Plan from receiving appointments to represent indigent defendants?
If so, please state. _____

Required Attachments

1. Applicant's most recent reporting year CLE report from the State Bar of Texas.
2. If Applicant has been sanctioned by the State Bar of Texas Grievance Committee or the Texas Commission on Lawyer Discipline in the last 10 years, attach the decision(s). If desired, attach a written explanation.
3. If Applicant has been sanctioned for failure to appear before a court or for misconduct committed while representing a client in the last 10 years, attach any applicable documents. If desired, attach a written explanation.
4. If a court has found that Applicant has provided ineffective assistance of counsel in the last 10 years, attach any applicable documents. If desired, attach a written explanation.
5. If Applicant has ever been convicted of or placed on deferred adjudication for an offense other than a class C traffic offense, attach copies of all final orders (or those deferring adjudication) and judgments. If desired, attach a written explanation.
6. If applying for trial appointments, submit a copy of the judgment for each trial on the merits and each guilty plea relied on to qualify for the degree of appointment sought.
8. If the judgment of any case relied on for qualification does not list the Applicant as attorney, Applicant must submit an affidavit from the trial judge verifying the attorney's substantial and active participation in the trial or appeal.
9. Picture of applicant. Your picture can be taken in the Office of Attorney Appointments when application is submitted.

Oath of Applicant

I, _____, the undersigned attorney, hereby state under oath that all of the above information is complete, true and correct; that I have read and understand the qualifications set out in the Tarrant County Criminal Courts Misdemeanor Court-Appointment Plan and that I meet all the qualifications for the degree of appointment sought. I understand that I have no property interest in receiving appointments; and that in addition to meeting the qualifications under the Plan, that I will not receive misdemeanor court appointments unless I am approved to do so by a majority of the county criminal judges hearing criminal cases. I understand that I have a duty to promptly notify the Coordinator of Attorney Appointments (CAA) of any matter that may make me ineligible to receive appointments under the Tarrant County Criminal Courts Misdemeanor Court-Appointment Plan; and to notify the CAA, in writing, of any changes to the information contained in this Application. I understand that I may be removed from the appointment wheel for failure to meet any qualification stated in the Tarrant County Criminal Courts Misdemeanor Court-Appointment Plan or for failure to promptly notify the CAA in writing of any change to my status.

Attorney

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN BEFORE ME on this the _____ day of _____, 20__.

Person administering oath

Office of person administering oath: _____

For CAA use only:

On the ____ day of _____, 20__, the county criminal judges hearing criminal cases of Tarrant County, Texas considered the foregoing application and it is hereby:

Approved: _____

Denied: _____

Comments: _____

Presiding Judge