

## MEDINA COUNTY MISDEMEANOR AND JUVENILE ATTORNEY FEE SCHEDULE

On the 1st day of October, 2020, the District Judge of the 454<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court, the Medina County Court at Law and County Court Judges with criminal and/or juvenile jurisdiction, also being all the members of the Medina County Juvenile Board, unanimously adopted this schedule of fees concerning compensation of court-appointed counsel for indigent defendants in the Medina County Court at Law and the Medina County Court made pursuant to Article 26.05, Texas Rules of Criminal Procedure: Therefore, it is ORDERED that compensation of court-appointed counsel in misdemeanor and juvenile matters shall be as follows on a case-by-case basis as approved by the Judge presiding over the case:

1. Misdemeanor and Juvenile Services:
  - A. Compensation for time spent by counsel out of court shall be not less than THIRTY DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$30.00) per hour nor more than FIFTY DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$50.00) per hour. Time spent conferring with the County Attorney or the defendant during a docket call and/or any Pre-trial hearing will be compensated as time spent in court pursuant to paragraph B below. Administrative matters such as opening a file will not be compensated. Out of court time means reasonable and necessary time for conferences, negotiations and trial preparations.
  - B. Compensation for time spent in court shall be a fixed rate of ONE HUNDRED AND TEN DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$110.00) per defendant for the first court appearance. NINETY DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$90.00) per defendant for the second court appearance and SEVENTY-FIVE DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$75.00) per defendant for each subsequent court appearance. Jury Selection and trial shall be compensated at ONE HUNDRES DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$100.00) per day.
  - C. The maximum total compensation that will be paid for attorney's fees in a misdemeanor or juvenile case will not exceed FOUR HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$425.00).
  - D. Compensation for multiple cases (defendants with more than one case pending) as stated in A will be for the primary case only. All other cases for that defendant that are disposed of with the primary case will be compensated at THIRTY DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$30.00) per each additional case.
  - E. The court may make exception to the above rates upon a showing that the rate would be unfair in a given case.
2. Appellate Services:
  - A. Appeals will be paid only on a fixed fee basis as follows: \$750.00 for appeal of a single case tried to a jury, \$500 for nonjury, \$1,000 for appeal of multiple cases on the same defendant tried to a jury, \$750 for nonjury.

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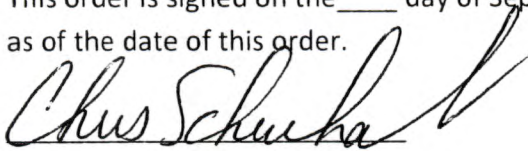
B. The court may make exception to the above rates upon a showing that the rate would be unfair in a given case.

3. Request for Payment of Attorney's Fees:

Each attorney shall submit an Attorney Fee Voucher completed in its entirety listing the time spent in court and for out of court services in the appropriate section of the form. Time reported for out of court services must include a description of the reasonable and necessary activity performed on behalf of the defendant and the date the services were rendered. The Attorney Fee Voucher shall be submitted to the trial Judge using the approved voucher system:

- A. On the date of disposition of a case by a plea or bench trial; or
- B. Within 15 days of the date of verdict in a jury trial; or
- C. Within 15 days of the date the mandate being returned in an appeal; or at such other intervals as ordered by the Court.

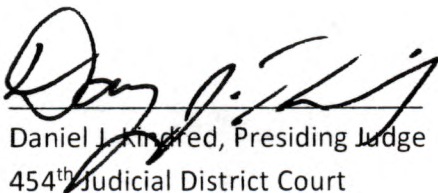
This order is signed on the \_\_\_\_ day of September, 2020, and is effective in all cases filed as of the date of this order.



Chris Schuchart, Presiding Judge  
Medina County Court  
Juvenile Board, Chairman



Mark Cashion, Presiding Judge  
Medina County Court at Law  
Juvenile Board



Daniel J. Kindred, Presiding Judge  
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