



**CAMERON COUNTY PRE-TRIAL SERVICES**

**Attorney Application for Appointment**

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF CAMERON

I, \_\_\_\_\_, (Print name of attorney) do hereby file this statement in compliance with the Cameron County Plan and Standing Rules and Orders for Procedures for Timely and Fair Appointment of Counsel for Indigent Accused Persons in Cameron County, Texas for establishment of a list of eligible licensed attorneys to represent indigent accused persons in Cameron 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 Cameron County, Texas with the local administrative judge of the Cameron County District Courts at the Cameron County Courthouse in Brownsville, Texas who shall timely notify the local administrative judge of the Cameron County Courts at Law of such filing.

**ATTORNEY CONTACT INFORMATION**

NAME:

\_\_\_\_\_

BAR CARD

NUMBER:

\_\_\_\_\_

PHYSICAL ADDRESS (not a post office box):

\_\_\_\_\_

MAILING

ADDRESS:

\_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE #:

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CELLULAR PHONE #:

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E-MAIL ADDRESS:

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I will give written notice of any change in these notification numbers to each County Court Judge and District Court Judge in Cameron County prior to the change.

Month and Year licensed to practice law by the Supreme Court of Texas:

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Law School: \_\_\_\_\_

Year graduated: \_\_\_\_\_

Other relevant education: \_\_\_\_\_

#### **I. INCLUSION ON THE APPOINTMENT LIST**

1. I ask that my name BE CONSIDERED FOR INCLUSION on the list of licensed attorneys eligible for court appointments in Cameron County, Texas, and I state that I am competent licensed attorney presently certified or qualified to accept appointments in the following types of cases:

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| 2. MISDEMEANOR criminal cases                                      | YES | NO |
| 3. APPEALS of MISDEMEANOR criminal cases                           | YES | NO |
| 4. STATE JAIL FELONY criminal cases                                | YES | NO |
| 5. THIRD DEGREE FELONY criminal cases                              | YES | NO |
| 6. SECOND DEGREE FELONY criminal cases                             | YES | NO |
| 7. FIRST DEGREE FELONY criminal cases                              | YES | NO |
| 8. CAPITAL FELONY criminal cases                                   | YES | NO |
| 9. APPEALS of NON-CAPITAL FELONY cases                             | YES | NO |
| 10. APPEALS OF CAPITAL FELONY cases                                | YES | NO |
| 11. JUVENILE cases   | YES | NO |
| 12. APPEALS of JUVENILE cases                                      | YES | NO |
| 13. I am applying to be considered for the following appointments: |     |    |
| 14. MISDEMEANOR criminal cases                                     | YES | NO |

15. APPEALS of MISDEMEANOR criminal cases	YES	NO
16. STATE JAIL FELONY criminal cases	YES	NO
17. THIRD DEGREE FELONY criminal cases	YES	NO
18. SECOND DEGREE FELONY criminal cases	YES	NO
19. FIRST DEGREE FELONY criminal cases	YES	NO
20. CAPITAL FELONY criminal cases	YES	NO
21. APPEALS of NON-CAPITAL FELONY cases	YES	NO
22. APPEALS OF CAPITAL FELONY cases	YES	NO

**II. LICENSE AND C.L.E. BACKGROUND**

LICENSED TO PRACTICE LAW:

1. I am currently licensed and in good standing with the state bar and the Texas Supreme Court.      YES              NO
2. I am also a licensed attorney in good standing to practice law in the state(s) of: \_\_\_\_\_
3. I have been admitted to practice law in the United States Federal District Courts for the \_\_\_\_\_ District of Texas.
4. I have been admitted to practice law in the United States Federal District Courts for the \_\_\_\_\_ District of the state of \_\_\_\_\_.
5. I have been admitted to practice law before the United States Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals.      YES              NO
6. I have been admitted to practice law before the United States \_\_\_\_\_ Circuit Court of Appeals.
7. I have been admitted to practice law before the United States Supreme Court. YES      NO
8. I have been certified as a specialist by the Board of Legal Specialization of the State Bar of Texas in the following areas of law:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION:

1. I have attended the required number of hours for continuing legal education during the last reporting period as reported to the State Bar of Texas.

YES      NO

2. I have attended the Advanced Criminal Law Seminar sponsored by the State Bar of Texas for the following years: \_\_\_\_\_
3. I have attended C.L.E. programs dealing with criminal law issues during the following years: \_\_\_\_\_
4. I have attended C.L.E. programs dealing with juvenile law issues during the following years: \_\_\_\_\_
5. I have attended C.L.E. programs dealing only with non-criminal law areas and certify that I have not attended a C.L.E. program dealing with criminal law.  
YES NO
6. I have attended C.L.E. programs dealing with the use of and challenge of mental health or forensic expert witnesses. YES NO
  - a. The most recent course attended was on the following date:  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. I have attended C.L.E. programs or training relating to criminal defense in death penalty cases. YES NO
  - a. The most recent course attended was on the following date:  
\_\_\_\_\_
8. I have attended C.L.E. programs relating to investigating and presenting mitigating evidence at the penalty phase of death penalty trials.  
  
YES NO
  - a. The most recent course attended was on the following date:  
\_\_\_\_\_
9. I have attended C.L.E. programs relating to appeals of criminal cases.  
  
YES NO
  - a. The most recent course attended was on the following date:  
\_\_\_\_\_
10. I have attended C.L.E. programs relating to appeals of juvenile cases.  
  
YES NO
  - a. The most recent course attended was on the following date:  
\_\_\_\_\_
11. I am currently planning to attend the following C.L.E. courses in the next year.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### III. CRIMINAL AND JUVENILE TRIAL/APPEALS EXPERIENCE

1. I hereby certify that the following is my experience in handling criminal /juvenile cases:

2. I have been lead counsel in three (3) or more misdemeanor cases.

YES NO

3. I have been lead counsel in one or more misdemeanor appeals.

YES NO

4. I have been lead counsel in three (3) or more juvenile cases.

YES NO

5. I have been lead counsel in one or more juvenile appeals.

YES NO

6. I have been lead counsel in three (3) or more non-capital felony cases.

YES NO

7. I have been co-counsel or sat second chair in three (3) or more on-capital felony cases.

YES NO

8. I have been lead counsel in one or more non-capital felony appeals.

YES NO

9. I have been lead counsel in one or more capital felony cases – death penalty waived.

YES NO

10. I have been lead counsel in one or more capital felony cases – death penalty sought.

YES NO

11. I have been co-counsel or sat second chair in one or more capital felony cases – death penalty waived.

YES NO

12. I have been co-counsel or sat second chair in one or more capital felony cases – death penalty sought.

YES NO

13. I have been lead counsel in one or more capital felony appeals – life sentence assessed. YES NO
14. I have been lead counsel in one or more capital felony appeals – death penalty assessed. YES NO
15. I have served as lead counsel in one or more capital felony 11.071 writ appeals. YES NO
16. I have tried approximately \_\_\_\_\_ misdemeanor cases to JURY verdict.
17. I have tried approximately \_\_\_\_\_ juvenile cases to JURY verdict.
18. I have tried approximately \_\_\_\_\_ non-capital felony cases to JURY verdict.
19. I have tried approximately \_\_\_\_\_ capital (death sought) felony cases to JURY verdict.
20. I have filed approximately \_\_\_\_\_ appellate briefs in misdemeanor cases.
21. I have filed approximately \_\_\_\_\_ appellate briefs in juvenile cases.
22. I have filed approximately \_\_\_\_\_ appellate briefs in non-capital felony cases.
23. I have filed approximately \_\_\_\_\_ appellate briefs in capital (death sought) felony cases.
24. I have filed approximately \_\_\_\_\_ 11.071 death penalty writ applications.
25. Approximately \_\_\_\_\_% of my practice is devoted to criminal law.
26. Approximately \_\_\_\_\_% of my practice is devoted to juvenile law.

#### **IV. LANGUAGE AND COMMUNICATION SKILLS**

1. I certify that I am capable of communicating in the following languages:
2. English YES NO
3. Spanish YES NO
4. Deaf – Sign Language YES NO
5. Other: (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_

**V. ETHICS AND PRIOR SANCTION HISTORY DISCLOSURE**

1. Have you been sanctioned by the State Bar of Texas for any ethical violation?

YES NO

a. **For purposes of this inquiry, “Sanctioned” is defined as disbarment, probation, public reprimand, suspended, fined, or such other State Bar of Texas sanction that is of public record.**

2. Have you been found by a trial judge and/or appellate court to have provided ineffective assistance of counsel? YES NO

3. Will you comply with the State Bar Rules for Professional Conduct?

YES NO

4. Will you comply with The Texas Lawyer’s Creed – A Mandate for Professionalism? YES NO

5. Will you obtain copies and keep yourself informed of the local rules of procedure for \_\_\_\_\_ County, Texas? YES NO

**VI. CERTIFICATION OF KNOWLEDGE OF STANDING RULES FOR PROCEDURES FOR TIMELY AND FAIR APPOINTMENT OF COUNSEL FOR INDIGENT ACCUSED PERSONS IN CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS**

I certify that I have received, read, and understand the Indigent Defense Plan for Cameron County dated \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ and will comply with said plan, rules, and orders.

I acknowledge that I shall contact any accused person I am appointed to represent by the end of the first working day following notification of my appointment.

I acknowledge that I shall interview said accused person as soon as practicable.

I certify that I will zealously represent my client but always within the bounds of the law and legal ethics of Texas.

I understand that I must timely submit my bill for:

1. Indigent legal representation on the date a case is disposed of by a plea or bench trial; or
2. Indigent legal representation within 90 days of the date of judgment in a jury trial; or
3. Indigent appeal representation within 90 days of the date a mandate is returned on appeal.

I understand that I have a continuing duty to file an Amended Statement within 30 days of the date any of the above information changes.

I hereby certify that the above information is true and correct.

Witness my signature on this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
NAME

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE

Please attach any other information that would qualify you for appointments in specialized areas

#### REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS

Your application will not be complete until you submit the following items:

1. Your most recent annual CLE report from the State Bar.
2. If you have ever been sanctioned by the State Bar Grievance Committee, attach the decision(s) by the committee and, if desired, a written explanation.
3. If you have ever been sanctioned for failure to appear before a court, attach any applicable court documents and, if desired, a written explanation.
4. If you have ever admitted, in connection with an official proceeding, to having provided ineffective assistance of counsel, attach any applicable documents and, if desired, a written explanation.
5. If you have ever been convicted or placed on deferred adjudication for any offense other than traffic, attach copies of all final orders (or those deferring adjudication) and judgments.
6. If you are applying for appellate appointments, attach a copy of a brief you have authored and which was filed within the past five (5) years.

Approved for: \_\_\_\_\_ on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

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Judge Adolfo E. Cordova Jr.  
197<sup>th</sup> District Court