

**Texas Fair Defense Act**  
**Application for Appointments in the Kaufman County Courts**

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Attorney Contact Information

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Bar Card #: \_\_\_\_\_

Physical Address: \_\_\_\_\_

(Not a PO Box) \_\_\_\_\_

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Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Attorney Profile  
Please Circle Yes or No

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| 1. Are you currently in good standing with the state bar?                                                    | Yes | No |
| 2. Are you currently under indictment or charged for a criminal offense other than class C traffic offenses? | Yes | No |
| 3. Do you have an appeal pending of any bar sanction?                                                        | Yes | No |

I am applying to be considered for the following appointments:

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| 4. Capital Cases (all)                               | Yes | No |
| 5. Non-Death Capital Cases Only                      | Yes | No |
| 6. 1 <sup>st</sup> Degree Felonies                   | Yes | No |
| 7. 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Degree Felonies | Yes | No |
| 8. State Jail Felonies/Probation Revocations         | Yes | No |
| 9. Direct Appeals                                    | Yes | No |

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| 10. Post-Judgment Writs                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Yes   | No |
| 11. Are you board certified by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization?                                                                                                                                                      | Yes   | No |
| 12. If yes, in what area(s)?                                                                                                                                                                                                 | _____ |    |
| 13. Are you a member of the State Bar College?                                                                                                                                                                               | Yes   | No |
| 14. How many hours of continuing legal education did you average the last three years? Attach your latest annual CLE report from the State Bar.                                                                              | _____ |    |
| 15. Have you ever been sanctioned by the State Bar Grievance Committee?<br>If so, attach decisions by the committee and, if desired, any written explanations.                                                               | Yes   | No |
| 16. Have you ever been sanctioned for failure to appeal before a court?<br>If so, attach any applicable court documents and, if desired, any written explanations.                                                           | Yes   | No |
| 17. Have you ever admitted, in connection with an official proceeding, to having provided ineffective assistance of counsel? If so, explain by attaching any applicable documents and, if desired, any written explanations. | Yes   | No |
| 18. Have you ever been convicted or placed on deferred adjudication for any offense other than traffic? If yes, attach copies of all final orders (or those deferring adjudication) and judgments.                           | Yes   | No |
| 19. How many years have you been in practice?                                                                                                                                                                                | _____ |    |
| 20. How many open criminal files are in your current caseload?                                                                                                                                                               | _____ |    |
| 21. Which judges presided over your last five criminal trials?                                                                                                                                                               | _____ |    |

22. Before which judge(s) have you routinely appeared? \_\_\_\_\_  
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| 23. What percentage of your practice is in criminal law?                                                                                                | _____ |
| 24. Approximately how many criminal cases have you tried to conclusion before a jury?<br>(Include hung juries, but exclude agreed competency hearings.) | _____ |
| 25. Of the trials in question 24, how many were in the last 5 years?                                                                                    | _____ |
| 26. Of the trials in question 24, how many were felony cases?                                                                                           | _____ |

Indicate the approximate percentage of your *trial* experience that has involved:

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| 27. Sex Offenses                                                        | _____ |
| 28. Drug Offenses                                                       | _____ |
| 29. Property Crimes                                                     | _____ |
| 30. Assaultive Offenses                                                 | _____ |
| 31. What percentage of your practice consists of criminal appointments? | _____ |

32. Approximately how many appeals have you pursued in which you authored the brief (excluding subcontracted briefs)? (*Applicable to appellate applicants only*) \_\_\_\_\_

Indicate areas in which you have unique training or skill:

33. Mental health cases \_\_\_\_\_

34. Level V deaf interpreter \_\_\_\_\_

35. Fluent in the following language (s) other than English: \_\_\_\_\_

36. Other (Please describe): \_\_\_\_\_

37. Please describe anything that you wish to include for consideration that you feel makes you uniquely qualified to accept appointments in criminal cases.

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38. List any professional organizations or associations to which you belong:

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39. If you are applying for appellate appointments, attach a copy of a brief *authored by you* filed within the last five years.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's Signature

SWORN TO and SUBSCRIBED before me on \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public in and for Kaufman  
County, The State of Texas  
My commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_

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