

**MEDINA COUNTY MISDEMEANOR, JUVENILE AND CIVIL
ATTORNEY FEE SCHEDULE**

On the 7 day of June, 2023 the District Judge of the 454th 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:

- I. Misdemeanor, Juvenile and Civil Services
 - A. Compensation for time spent by counsel out of court for misdemeanor, juvenile and civil appointments shall be SIXTY-FIVE DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$65.00) per hour. Time spent conferring on criminal misdemeanor and juvenile cases with the District 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 FORTY-FIVE DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$145.00) per defendant for the first court appearance, ONE HUNDRED TWENTY DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$120.00) per defendant for the second court appearance and ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$100.00) per defendant for each subsequent court appearance. Jury selection and trial shall be compensated at ONE HUNDRED THIRTY DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$130.00) per day.
 - C. The maximum total compensation that will be paid for attorney's fees in a misdemeanor or juvenile case will not exceed FIVE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$550.00), unless otherwise authorized.
 - D. Compensation for multiple cases (defendants with more than one case pending) will be as stated in A above not to exceed a maximum total compensation of FORTY-FIVE DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$45.00) per each additional case.
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E. Compensation for attorney replaced prior to disposition will be paid at FIFTY DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$50.00).

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

II. Appellate Services

A. Appeals will be paid only on a fixed fee basis as follows: \$975.00 for appeal of a single case tried to a jury, \$650.00 for non-jury; \$1,300.00 for appeal of multiple cases on the same defendant tried to a jury, \$975.00 for non-jury.

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

III. 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.

Vouchers will be submitted as listed above but all request for payment must be made within the court's fiscal year, by September 15th, of the year the case has resolution. Invoices submitted outside the current fiscal year will not be paid without prior court approval.

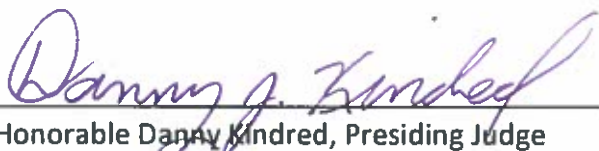
THIS ORDER IS SIGNED ON THIS THE 7 DAY OF JUNE, 2023, AND IS EFFECTIVE IN ALL CASES FILED ON OR SUBSEQUENT TO JULY 1, 2023. SAID ORDER SUPERCEDES ANY AND ALL PRIOR STANDING ORDERS FOR ATTORNEY'S FEES COMPENSATION IN MISDEMEANOR AND JUVENILE CASES.



Honorable Keith Lutz, Presiding Judge
Medina County Court
Juvenile Board, Chairman



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



Honorable Danny Kindred, Presiding Judge
454th Judicial District Court
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