

**Attorney's Application for Appointment in Criminal Defense  
Cases, 51<sup>st</sup>, 119<sup>th</sup>, 340<sup>th</sup> and 391<sup>st</sup> Judicial Districts**

Coke, Concho, Irion, Runnels, Schleicher, Sterling and Tom Green Counties

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Office Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax #: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Education:**

1. Undergraduate School: \_\_\_\_\_ Year Graduated: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Law School: \_\_\_\_\_ Year Graduated: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Other relevant education: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Date licensed to practice law in Texas: \_\_\_\_\_ Bar Card #: \_\_\_\_\_

5. CLE: Attach copy of your MCLE transcript from the State Bar of Texas.

6. Are you certified as a criminal law specialist? \_\_\_\_\_

7. Are you fluent in any language other than English? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, which languages:  
\_\_\_\_\_

8. Have you ever been sanctioned or reprimanded by the State Bar of Texas? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, explain on a separate sheet of paper.

9. Do you have any pending grievances with the State Bar of Texas? \_\_\_\_\_

**General Experience:**

1. Have you ever served in a criminal prosecutor's office? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, when and where: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Have you ever served as lead counsel in the defense or prosecution of a criminal case?

\_\_\_\_\_ If yes, approximately how many

Misdemeanors? \_\_\_\_\_ Felonies? \_\_\_\_\_

3. Briefly describe on a separate sheet of paper your legal experience and the type of law you have practiced.

**Trial Experience:**

Civil or Family:

How many non-jury trials? \_\_\_\_\_

How many jury trials? \_\_\_\_\_

Criminal Cases:

How many years have you practiced criminal law in Texas? \_\_\_\_\_

How many contested non-jury criminal cases have you tried?

Misdemeanors: \_\_\_\_\_ Felonies: \_\_\_\_\_

How many criminal jury trials have you tried?

Misdemeanors: \_\_\_\_\_ Felonies: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever tried a capital felony case? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, when: \_\_\_\_\_

**Appellate Experience:**

How many briefs have you filed with an appellate court? \_\_\_\_\_

How many oral arguments have you made to an appellate court? \_\_\_\_\_

Of these, how many were criminal cases? \_\_\_\_\_

**Application:**

I am applying to represent Defendants charged with the following categories of offense (check all that apply):

\_\_\_\_\_ First Degree      \_\_\_\_\_ Second & Third Degree      \_\_\_\_\_ SJF, MTRs

\_\_\_\_\_ Misdemeanors      \_\_\_\_\_ Appellate      \_\_\_\_\_ Juvenile

**Certifications:**

I believe I am competent to represent defendants in criminal cases. I certify that I am in good standing with the State Bar of Texas, that I am familiar with the court system, the Texas Penal Code, the Code of Criminal Procedure, and the Texas Rules of Evidence, including using expert witnesses and psychiatric and forensic evidence.

By signing below, I attest that the information I have provided is true and correct.

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Checklist for Court's Use

- Completed Application
- MCLE Transcript Attached
- Member in good standing

Standards for Appointments

	<b>Years Experience</b>	<b># of Trials Lead or Co</b>	<b># of Jury Trials Lead or Co</b>	
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Degree</b>	3 in criminal litigation	3 felony trials	2 felony trials	
<b>2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup></b>	2 in criminal litigation	2 SJF or A or B Misdemeanors	1 of the 2 must be jury trial	
<b>SJF/MTR/Misdemeanors</b>	1 in criminal or civil	—	—	
<b>Appeals, capital and 1<sup>st</sup> Degree</b>	3 in criminal litigation	2 Briefs or arguments before Appellate Court or commensurate experience	—	
<b>Appeal, Others</b>	1 year in appellate practice	1 brief or argument before an appellate court OR 2 years general experience in criminal litigation		
<b>Writs</b>	3 years criminal litigation	1 Brief (Civil or Criminal) or commensurate	—	
<b>CLE, initial</b>	Within one year of an initial certification, attorneys must complete 8 hours in criminal law/ethics.			
<b>CLE, Continuing</b>	To Maintain certification, attorney must complete 8 hours every 2 years in criminal, ethics, evidence or trial practice.			