

TEXAS FAIR DEFENSE ACT  
APPLICATION FOR COURT APPOINTMENTS IN DALLAS COUNTY DISTRICT COURTS

APPEALS

HAND DELIVER ORIGINAL APPLICATION WITH TWO BRIEFS TO COURT MANAGER'S OFFICE

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**PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE. INCOMPLETE OR ILLEGIBLE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.**

LAST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ FIRST: \_\_\_\_\_ BAR CARD: \_\_\_\_\_

PRINCIPAL OFFICE OR RESIDENCE: \_\_\_\_\_

**YOU MUST MAINTAIN A PRINCIPAL OFFICE IN DALLAS COUNTY OR BE A DALLAS COUNTY RESIDENT TO QUALIFY FOR COURT APPOINTMENTS. PLEASE ATTACH DOCUMENTATION DEMONSTRATING A PRINCIPAL OFFICE LOCATION OR RESIDENCE IN DALLAS COUNTY.**

MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PREFERRED TELEPHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

SECONDARY TELEPHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ FAX: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

LAW SCHOOL(S) ATTENDED & YEAR OF GRADUATION: \_\_\_\_\_

YEAR ADMITTED TO STATE BAR: \_\_\_\_\_ LICENSED IN ANY OTHER STATE? \_\_\_\_\_

WORK HISTORY SINCE LAW SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_

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YEARS OF CRIMINAL PRACTICE: \_\_\_\_\_ PERCENT OF PRACTICE THAT IS CRIMINAL: \_\_\_\_\_ %

I PRACTICE IN OTHER COUNTIES \_\_\_\_\_ % OF THE TIME. WHICH ONES? \_\_\_\_\_

PERCENT OF PRACTICE THAT IS APPELLATE: \_\_\_\_\_ %

FLUENT IN ANOTHER LANGUAGE? YES  NO  EXPLAIN: \_\_\_\_\_

LIST EXPERIENCE WITHIN THE LAST TEN YEARS. A MINIMUM OF EIGHT (8) STATE COURT APPELLATE BRIEFS WITHIN THE TWO YEAR PERIOD PRIOR TO THE DATE OF YOUR APPLICATION IS REQUIRED IN ORDER TO QUALIFY FOR APPELLATE APPOINTMENTS.

NUMBER OF STATE COURT APPEALS: \_\_\_\_\_. LIST UP TO 12. ADD SHEET IF NECESSARY.

**STYLE**

**CAUSE #**

**OFFENSE**

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_
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11. \_\_\_\_\_
12. \_\_\_\_\_

LIST 5 APPELLATE COURT JUDGES OR JUSTICES WITH KNOWLEDGE OF YOUR ABILITY:

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ARE YOU BOARD CERTIFIED IN CRIMINAL LAW? YES  NO

ARE YOU BOARD CERTIFIED IN CRIMINAL APPELLATE LAW? YES  NO

HAVE YOU BEEN HELD INEFFECTIVE BY AN APPELLATE COURT IN THE LAST 5 YEARS?

YES  NO

EXPLAIN:	STYLE OF CASE	APPELLATE COURT	YEAR
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ARE YOU CURRENTLY IN GOOD STANDING WITH THE STATE BAR? YES  NO

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN SUBJECT TO DISCIPLINARY ACTION BY THE STATE BAR IN THIS OR ANY OTHER STATE? YES  NO

EXPLAIN:

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HAVE YOU EVER BEEN CONVICTED OF OR SERVED PROBATION FOR ANY FELONY OR MISDEMEANOR OF MORAL TURPITUDE? IF SO, EXPLAIN \_\_\_\_\_

DO YOU CURRENTLY HAVE ANY CRIMINAL CASES ABOVE THE LEVEL OF A TRAFFIC TICKET PENDING AGAINST YOU? YES  NO

COURTS FROM WHICH YOU DO NOT WANT TO RECEIVE APPOINTMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_

**ATTACH COPIES OF TWO COMPLETE APPELLATE BRIEFS** AUTHORED BY YOU AND SUBMITTED TO AN APPELLATE COURT WITHIN THE LAST FIVE YEARS (EXCLUDING ANDERS BRIEFS). – IN LIEU OF THIS REQUIREMENT, APPLICANT MAY SUBMIT EVIDENCE OF UNUSUAL OR EXCEPTIONAL EXPERIENCE IN LEGAL RESEARCH AND WRITING, SUCH AS A STAFF ATTORNEY, A BRIEFING ATTORNEY FOR AN APPELLATE COURT, OR OTHER LEGAL RESEARCH AND WRITING EXPERIENCE.

LIST CLE COURSES YOU HAVE ATTENDED WITHIN THE PRECEDING TWO YEARS PERTAINING TO CRIMINAL LAW AND/OR THE APPEAL OF A CRIMINAL CASE IN STATE COURT. INCLUDE THE COURSE NAME, NUMBER, AND HOURS ATTENDED. A MINIMUM OF TWELVE HOURS IS REQUIRED. ATTACH PROOF OF ATTENDANCE.

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I understand that the law requires that I make every reasonable effort to contact the defendant not later than the end of the first working day after the date on which I am appointed and interview the defendant as soon as practicable after I am appointed. I will represent the defendant until charges are dismissed, the defendant is acquitted, appeals are exhausted, or until I am permitted or ordered by the Court to withdraw as counsel for the defendant.

I also understand that as an officer of the Court I will be held responsible by the Criminal District Courts for the truthfulness of the information provided in this form.

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

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

Notary Seal

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public in and for Dallas County, The State of Texas

My commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_