

**Application For Death Penalty Appointments  
8<sup>th</sup> Administrative Judicial Region**

Last name: \_\_\_\_\_

First name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Date licensed to practice law: \_\_\_\_\_

Physical address (not a post office box): \_\_\_\_\_

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Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax #: \_\_\_\_\_

Pager #: \_\_\_\_\_

Cellular Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

*This Application is for: Initial Certification or Recertification*

Please Circle: Yes or no

Yes No 1. Are you currently in good standing with the State Bar of Texas?

Yes No 2. Are you currently under indictment or charged for a criminal offense other than class C traffic offenses?

Yes No 3. Are you certified by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization in criminal law?

Yes No 4. Are you a member of the State Bar College?

Yes No 5. Have you ever been sanctioned by the State Bar Grievance Committee or the Commission on Lawyer Discipline?

Yes No 6. Do you have an appeal pending of any State Bar sanction?

Yes No 7. Have you ever been sanctioned for failure to appear before a court?

Yes No 8. Has a court ever found that you have provided ineffective assistance of counsel?

Yes No 9. Have you ever been convicted or placed on deferred adjudication for any offense other than a class C offense?

\_\_\_\_\_ 10. What percentage of your practice is criminal law?

\_\_\_\_\_ 11. Approximately how many criminal cases have you tried to conclusion before a jury? (include hung juries, but exclude agreed competency hearings)

\_\_\_\_\_ 12. Of the trials in Question 11, how many were felony cases?

\_\_\_\_\_ 13. Of the trials in Question 12, how many were misdemeanor?

\_\_\_\_\_ 14. Approximately how many appeals have you pursued in which you authored the brief (excluding subcontracted briefs)?

Yes No 15. Do you have unique training or skill in mental health cases?

Yes No 16. Do you have training or skill as a deaf interpreter?

Yes No 17. Are you fluent in any other language other than English?  
If so, please list. \_\_\_\_\_

Yes No 18. Do you represent any municipality as a judge or attorney?  
If so, please list. \_\_\_\_\_

Yes No 19. Do you have any legal conflicts that would prohibit you from taking appointments?  
If so, please state. \_\_\_\_\_

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## Required Attachments

1. Your most recent reporting year CLE report from the State Bar of Texas.
2. If you have been sanctioned by the State Bar Grievance Committee or the Commission on Lawyer Discipline in the last 10 years, attach the decision(s) and, if desired, a written explanation.
3. If you have been sanctioned for failure to appear before a Court in the last 10 years, attach any applicable court documents and, if desired, a written explanation.
4. If a Court has found that you have provided ineffective assistance of counsel in the last 10 years, attach any applicable documents and, if desired, a written explanation.
5. If you have ever been convicted of or placed on deferred adjudication for any offense other than a class C traffic offense, attach copies of all final orders (or those deferring adjudication) and judgments.
6. If you are applying for appointments to appeals, list the required information pursuant to the Standards, including the style of the case, cause number, court, opposing counsel, and ultimate disposition entered in the appeal;
7. If you are applying for trial appointments, list the required information pursuant to the Standards, including the style of the case, cause number, court, judge presiding, opposing counsel, and verdict entered.
8. Applications to represent indigent defendants in writs of habeas corpus in death penalty cases filed under the Code of Criminal Procedure, Art. 11.071 are handled on a statewide basis. Pursuant to Government Code, Sec. 78.056, the presiding judges are responsible for publishing a statewide list of attorneys qualified as habeas counsel. If you are interested in serving as habeas counsel, you should make an application to be on the statewide list. The application form can be found at <http://www.txcourts.gov/organizations/policy-funding/administrative-judicial-regions/>

## Request for Appointments

I am applying to be considered for the following appointments: (check all that applies)

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Death Penalty Lead Counsel.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Death Penalty Second Chair.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Death Penalty Appeals.

## Oath

I, \_\_\_\_\_, the undersigned attorney, hereby state under oath that all of the above and attached information is correct, that I have read and understand the qualifications set out in the Standards for the Qualification of Attorneys for Appointment to Death Penalty Cases in the Eighth Administrative Judicial Region of Texas Pursuant to Article 26.052 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure and that I meet those qualifications. I understand that I have a duty to promptly notify the Presiding Judge of the Eighth Administrative Judicial Region of any matter that may make me ineligible to receive appointments under those standards, and to notify the Presiding Judge, in writing, of any changes to the information contained in this application. I understand that I may be removed from the appointment list for failure to meet any qualification stated in the Standards for the Qualification of Attorneys for Appointment to Death Penalty Cases in the Eighth Administrative Judicial Region of Texas Pursuant to Article 26.052 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Attorney

On this date personally appeared before me, \_\_\_\_\_, who after being properly identified and placed under oath swore that all of the information stated on the foregoing Application For Death Penalty Appointments is true and correct.

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

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

Office of person taking oath: \_\_\_\_\_

Oath may be administered by a criminal district court judge, criminal court clerk or notary public. Notary seal and date commission expires, if applicable.

*(Below is for office use only:)*

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On the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, the Committee on Capital Appointments for the Eighth Administrative Judicial Region, considered the foregoing application and it is hereby \_\_\_\_ approved, \_\_\_\_ denied. Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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Hon. David Evans, Presiding Judge, 8<sup>th</sup> Admin. Region