

**JOINT ORDER ADOPTING FEE SCHEDULE FOR ATTORNEYS REPRESENTING CHILDREN AND
INDIGENT PARENTS IN CPS AND FAMILY CASES**

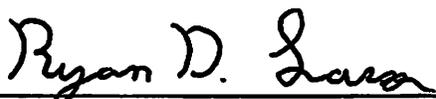
Effective January 1, 2019, court-appointed attorneys representing children or indigent parents in CPS cases, or indigent parties opposing contempt proceedings in family cases before the 395th District Court, 425th District Court or County Court No. 1, shall be paid according to the following schedule:

1. For standard cases, the hourly billable rate for services rendered on or after January 1, 2019 shall be \$100.00 per hour.
2. For attorneys with a Child Welfare Law Certification from the Texas Board of Legal Specialization or the National Association of Counsel for Children, the hourly billable rate for services rendered on or after January 1, 2019 shall be \$125.00.
3. For court designated Spanish language cases, the hourly billable rate for services rendered on or after January 1, 2019 shall be \$150.00. Spanish language cases involve attorneys that are fluent in Spanish and parties that are native Spanish speakers that require interpretive services.
4. The rate for mileage is \$0.545 per mile.
5. Services shall be charged on 1/10th of an hour. Charges by the quarter hour will not be paid.
6. Payments will be made for the following services:
 - a. three hours for each hearing in which the attorney is in attendance;
 - b. actual time spent for in person contact with clients;
 - c. phone calls with clients that reside over 90 miles away;
 - d. actual time spent in attendance at Permanency Meetings;
 - e. mileage, actual travel time and consultation time, involving over 90 miles of roundtrip travel;
 - f. actual time spent in jury trials; and
 - g. appeals from the trial court.
7. Payments will not be made for the following services:
 - a. phone calls (other than those detailed above);
 - b. emails;
 - c. file set up;
 - d. file maintenance;
 - e. file review;
 - f. filings; and
 - g. administrative work.
8. Invoices are due once per quarter as follows:
 - a. First Quarter - services rendered from January to March shall be billed between April 1st and May 1st in the year the services were rendered.

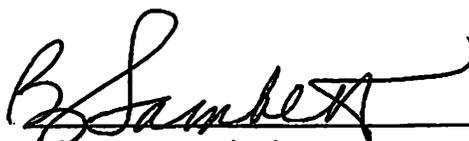


- b. Second Quarter - services rendered from April to June shall be billed between July 1st and August 1st in the year the services were rendered;
- c. Third Quarter - services rendered from July to September shall be billed between October 1st and November 1st in the year the services were rendered; and
- d. Fourth Quarter - services rendered from October to December shall be billed between January 1st and February 1st in the year following the year the services were rendered.

THE COURT MAY APPROVE ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURES UPON GOOD CAUSE SHOWN AND RESERVES THE DISCRETION TO DEVIATE UPWARD OR DOWNWARD IN AWARDING AN ATTORNEY FEE (WHETHER BY THE HOUR OR BY THE TOTAL AWARDED FEE) DEPENDING UPON THE TIME AND LABOR REQUIRED, THE COMPLEXITY OF THE CASE, AND THE EXPERIENCE AND ABILITY OF THE APPOINTED COUNSEL.



Judge Ryan D. Larson
395th District Court



Judge Betsy Lambeth
425th District Court



Judge Brandy Hallford
County Court No. 1