

**QUALIFICATIONS OF APPOINTED COUNSEL FOR  
INDIGENT DEFENDANTS  
FORT BEND COUNTY DISTRICT COURTS**

**I.**

<b>Capital Offenses (Death Penalty Sought)</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Administrative Region List
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**II.**

<b>All Non-Death Penalty Murder Offenses Aggravated Robbery Aggravated Kidnaping Aggravated Sexual Assault</b>	Five (5) years licensed to practice law, and <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. One (1) jury verdict as lead counsel in these cases; or</li> <li>b. Five (5) jury verdicts (3 verdicts as lead counsel) of any 1<sup>st</sup> degree felony offenses</li> </ol>
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**III.**

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Degree Felonies (Other than above-listed Felony Offenses) Enhanced Felonies with 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Penalty Range</b>	Four (4) years licensed to practice law, and <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. One (1) jury verdict as lead counsel on a 1<sup>st</sup> degree felony indictment; or</li> <li>b. Five (5) jury verdicts (3 verdicts as lead counsel) of any degree felony offenses</li> </ol>
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**IV.**

<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Degree and 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Felonies</b>	Two (2) years licensed to practice law, and <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. One (1) jury verdict as lead counsel, on any felony indictment; or</li> <li>b. Two (2) jury verdicts as co-counsel, on any felony indictments;</li> <li>c. Five (5) jury verdicts as lead counsel, on any misdemeanor offenses</li> </ol>
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**V.**

<b>State Jail Felonies Class A &amp; B Misdemeanors Motion to Revoke Probation (All) Motion to Adjudicate Guilt (All)</b>	Two (2) years licensed to practice law, and <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. One (1) jury verdict as lead counsel, on any felony indictment; or</li> <li>b. Two (2) jury verdicts as co-counsel, on any felony indictments; or</li> <li>c. Five (5) jury verdicts as lead counsel, on any misdemeanor offenses</li> </ol>
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**VI.**

<b>Appeals: Death Penalty Death Penalty Habeas Corpus 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Felony Convictions</b>	Four (4) years licensed to practice law, and <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Authored or co-authored two (2) appellate briefs, and</li> <li>b. Argued two (2) cases before a Texas or United States Appellate Court</li> </ol>
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