

EXHIBIT A

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY, OHIO
ASSIGNED COUNSEL FEE SCHEDULE AND REQUIREMENTS
JANUARY 1, 2000**

- I. All counsel eligible for payment under this schedule shall be appointed by a judge of the court having jurisdiction over the matter for which representation is being requested. Said appointment shall be entered by a signed journal entry and recorded on the court docket.
- II. No reimbursement shall be made if counsel fails to submit an attorney's fee certification to the County within 30 days after final disposition of the case for which reimbursement is requested.
- (A) A flat rate of up to \$400.00 per felony case for:
- Arraignment
 - Prosecutor Pretrial
 - Initial Client Interview
 - Scheduling Conference
 - Final Disposition
 - All telephone calls related to the above
 - All basic legal research and review of the nature of charge, routine criminal procedures, the information packet, etc.
- (B) An hourly rate of \$50.00 (out-of-court) and \$60.00 (in-court) for:
- Special research and writing
 - Field Investigation
 - Other Court Hearings and Trials
 - Other Court Witnesses' Conferences

- (C) Payment shall not exceed the following maximum amounts for the types of cases listed below:

Case Type	Amount
Aggravated Murder (w/ specs) as per O.R.C. 2929.04(A) and 2941.14(B)	\$75,000*
Aggravated Murder (w/o specs)	\$8,000 (1 attorney) \$10,000 (2 attorneys)
Murder	\$5,000
Felony with possible life sentence/repeat violence offender/major drug offender	\$5,000
Felonies (Degrees 1 - 3)	\$3,000
Felonies (Degrees 4 - 5)	\$2,500
Misdemeanors (Degrees 1 - 4)	\$1,000
Parole, Probation, and all other proceedings not elsewhere classified	\$500
Contempt of Court	\$300

*Ohio Supreme Court Rule 20 of the Rules of Superintendence for the Courts of Ohio requires the appointment of two (2) attorneys in capital offense cases. This fee is the maximum that will be paid on the combined bills of both attorneys to the case. Reimbursement for representation in trial level cases involving a death penalty specification will be made based on the maximum rate of \$95.00 per hour for both in-court and out-of-court services.

- (D) The prescribed maximum fees permitted in post-conviction and State habeas corpus proceedings not including a death sentence are:

Case Type	Amount
Post-conviction proceedings with Evidentiary Hearing	\$1,500
Post-conviction proceeding without Evidentiary Hearing	\$750
Habeas Corpus with Evidentiary Hearing	\$1,500
Habeas Corpus without Evidentiary Hearing	\$750

- (E) Reimbursement for post-conviction and State habeas corpus proceedings involving a death sentence shall be made based on the maximum rate of \$60.00 per hour for both out-of-court and in-court services to a maximum of \$12,500 for each stage of the post-conviction or habeas corpus proceeding.

- (F) Reimbursement for representation in appellate level proceeding not involving a death sentence shall be made based on the maximum rate of \$50.00 per hour for out-of-court and \$60.00 per hour for in-court services. Reimbursement for representation of appellate level proceedings involving a death sentence will be made on the maximum rate of \$60.00 per hour for both out-of-court and in-court services.
- (G) The prescribed maximum fees permitted in appellate level proceedings are listed below. The rates apply to each level of appeal:

Case Type	Amount
Aggravated Murder (death sentence imposed)	\$12,500*
Aggravated Murder (sentence other than death)	\$5,000
Murder with life sentence/Repeat violence offender/major drug offender/sexually violent predator	\$3,000
Felonies (SB 2 and HB 1 Appeals)	\$1,500
Misdemeanors	\$1,000

*Ohio Supreme Court Rule 21 of the Rules of Superintendence for the Courts of Ohio requires the appointment of two (2) attorneys in capital cases. This fee is the maximum that will be paid on the combined bills of both attorneys appointed to the case.

- (H) The Judge hearing the case may approve extraordinary fees at a rate, which exceeds maximums. Cases eligible for extraordinary fees are ones which, because of extraordinary complex issues, multiple offenses, lengthy trials, or other reasons, warrant compensation at a rate which exceeds maximums established in the fee resolution of the Board of County Commissioners of Montgomery County, Ohio.

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