

Indigent Defense  
Reporting  
*AND*  
Fiscal Monitoring

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# Commission Membership

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# Our Mission

**The mission of the Texas Indigent Defense Commission is to provide financial and technical support to counties to develop and maintain quality, cost-effective indigent defense systems that meet the needs of local communities and the requirements of the Constitution and state law.**

# Indigent Defense

- The right to a lawyer for persons accused of crimes and who cannot afford to hire a lawyer
- Constitutional Right - 6<sup>th</sup> Amendment
- Necessary to ensure fairness and protection of rights in our adversarial system of justice

# Gideon vs. Wainwright

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In our adversarial system of criminal justice....

With government “quite properly” spending “vast sums of money to establish machinery to try defendants accused of crime”.....you need

..... “procedural and substantive safeguard designed to assure fair trials before impartial tribunals in which defendants stands equal before the law”

“This noble ideal cannot be realized if the poor man charged with crime has to face his accusers without a lawyer to assist him.”

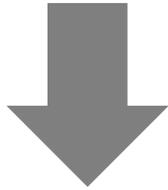
# Fair Defense Act of 2001

1. Set timelines for access to counsel, other standards to ensure fairness
2. Required judges to file and publish plan for providing indigent defense services
3. Created mechanism for (partial) state funding through grants
4. Required auditors to report financial and case information
5. Established Task Force (now Commission)

# Why did we need the FDA?

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**Texas Indigent Defense  
Commission  
(formerly Texas Task  
Force on Indigent  
Defense)**



**Set infrastructure to  
address issues and  
implement FDA in 2001**

**No uniformity in local indigent defense  
appointment practices**

**Judges' discretion to select counsel, pay  
fees and determine who is indigent fueled  
appearance of cronyism**

**No consistent standards regarding training  
and experience**

**No state funding or oversight**

**No reporting on budget/performance**

# Main TIDC Responsibilities

*Section 79.037, Local Gov't Code, provides that:*

**The commission shall:**

- a. **Assist** counties in improving their indigent defense systems;
- b. **Promote** compliance by counties with reqt's of State law;
- c. **Provide** Grants;
- d. **Monitor** each county that receives a grant and enforce compliance by the county with the conditions of the grant.

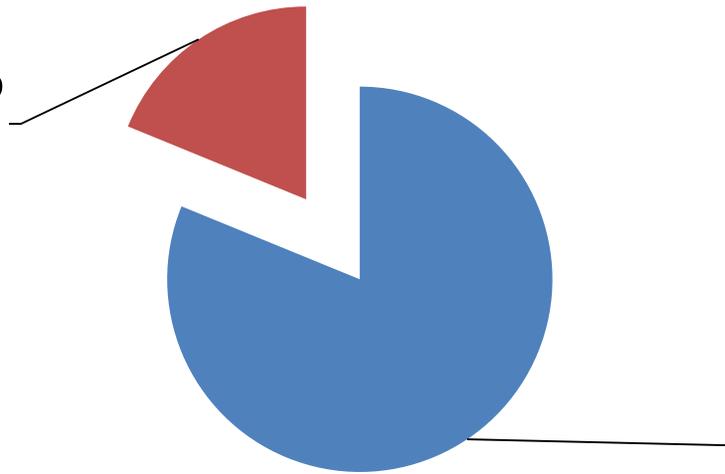
# Formula Grant Eligibility

- Commissioners Court Resolution
- Indigent Defense Plan Compliance
- IDER Compliance
- Address any findings from monitoring

# TIDC Funding in Context

**FY 2014 Indigent Defense Spending - \$230,032,683**

**Funded by the  
State - \$43,297,756  
(19%)**



**Funded by  
Counties -  
\$186,734,927  
(81%)**

# State Funds for Indigent Defense

- In each of the last two legislative sessions the Commission requested large increases in funding.
- Objective: to share indigent defense funding more equally with counties.

# State Funds for Indigent Defense

This year the Legislature appropriated \$7.5 million over the biennium in General Revenue to TIDC.

A fraction of the request, but an important step.

# State Funds for Indigent Defense

- Future increases will come in response to county leaders making the case.
  - Commissioners Court Resolutions
  - County officials communicating with their legislators.

# 3 Types of Reporting to TIDC

1. Indigent Defense Plans
2. Indigent Defense Expenditure Reports (IDER)
3. Attorney Practice Time Reports

# Indigent Defense Plans

- What: Detailed plan on how indigent defense will be provided. Plans must meet certain requirements.
- Who: Administrative District & County Court Judges, Chair of Juvenile Board
- When: November 1 of every odd-numbered year.

# Attorney Practice Time Report

- Who: All attorneys who handled indigent defense cases during the fiscal year
- What: Percentage of practice time spent on indigent defense cases
- When: Annually by October 15<sup>th</sup> for work in previous year (October 1 - September 30)

# Indigent Defense Expenditure Report

- What: Eligible indigent defense expenditures, number of cases paid/disposed and attorney information, reported for each court.
- Who: County Auditors (or Treasurers)
- When: Annually, on November 1

# Reporting Requirements Added Last Year

- Attorney Practice Time Report
- New Attorney Detail of IDER
  - Case counts and total attorney fees reported for each court
  - A breakdown of figures already included on the report
- No new requirements this year!

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Apps TIDC/Indigent Defe...

### Texas Indigent Defense Commission Attorney Reporting Form

Under Article 26.04(j)(4), Code of Criminal Procedure, attorneys are required to report the percentage of their practice time devoted to appointed criminal and juvenile offender cases under Article 26.04, Code of Criminal Procedure, and Title 3, Family Code, in each county.

The statement submitted to each county must describe (1) the percentage of an attorney's total practice time (time spent in legal practice in all jurisdictions) that was dedicated to work on trial and appeal appointments in adult criminal cases in that county's district and county courts during the fiscal year beginning on the preceding October 1; and (2) the percentage of an attorney's total practice time that was dedicated to work on trial and appeal appointments in juvenile delinquency cases (cases alleging delinquent conduct or conduct indicating a need for supervision) in that county's district and county courts during the fiscal year beginning on the preceding October 1.

The percentages reported in the practice-time statement submitted to each county should not include time dedicated to work on appointments to cases (such as CPS cases and guardianship cases) that are not adult criminal or juvenile delinquency cases, and should not include time dedicated to federal criminal appointments.

There is also an optional Attorney Practice Time [Worksheet](#) available to assist you in calculating these percentage figures. It provides a tool to help you consider all of the types of cases you handle when calculating the percentage of time spent on criminal and juvenile appointed work.

[Additional Information](#), including a 15 minute training video, on the reporting requirements is also available.

Please begin by entering your Texas State Bar Card Number:

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### Texas Indigent Defense Commission Attorney Practice Time Report 2014 Fiscal Year

Under Article 26.04(j)(4), Code of Criminal Procedure, attorneys are required to report the percentage of their practice time devoted to appointed criminal and juvenile offender cases under Article 26.04, Code of Criminal Procedure, and Title 3, Family Code, in each county.

Bar Card Number    58955  
 Name                    DAVID  
 License Date        1984-05

If this is not you, please click on the "Not Me" button and re-enter your Bar Card Number.

**This Attorney Report was submitted 9/16/2014 3:34:05 PM**

For each county in which you represent indigent defendants paid by the county, please enter the approximate percent of your total practice time for the preceding fiscal year (October 1, 2013 through September 30, 2014) devoted to indigent defense cases in each such county. Please note that the total will be less than 100% if you had any retained legal work or non-criminal appointed work (e.g. child protection cases). You may also see [Additional Information](#) about this report including a 15 minute training video on the reporting requirements is also available, as well as the optional Attorney Practice Time [Worksheet](#).

County	Adult Criminal Defense Percent of Total Practice Time	Juvenile Delinquency Defense Percent of Total Practice Time
Calhoun	<input type="text" value="5"/> %	<input type="text" value="0"/> %
DeWitt	<input type="text" value="9"/> %	<input type="text" value="0"/> %
Fort Bend	<input type="text" value="61"/> %	<input type="text" value="0"/> %
Goliad	<input type="text" value="3"/> %	<input type="text" value="0"/> %
Jackson	<input type="text" value="13"/> %	<input type="text" value="2"/> %
Refugio	<input type="text" value="3"/> %	<input type="text" value="0"/> %
Select County ▾	<input type="text" value="0"/> %	<input type="text" value="0"/> %
<b>Total</b>		<b>96%</b>

This represents the reported values as of 10/8/2014 1:45:05 PM



# Additional Information

**For questions related to the attorney reporting and plan submission requirements, contact Deputy Director/Special Counsel  
Wesley Shackelford**

**[wshackelford@tidc.texas.gov](mailto:wshackelford@tidc.texas.gov)**

**512-936-6997**

# Payment Records are Basis of the IDER

- The statute (Texas Code of Criminal Procedure Article 26.05 (c)) states that “no payment shall be made under this article until the form for itemizing the services performed is submitted to the judge presiding over the proceedings  
.....”
- Invoice must include sufficient detail to allow auditor to prepare the report (type of expense, court, case type, etc.)

# IDER Eligible Costs

Only Criminal/Juvenile Indigent Defense Costs Are Eligible

- No Civil Law Matters
- Not every case involving juveniles is eligible
  - Only juvenile delinquency, CINS cases
  - Not custody, CPS-related, guardianship or other civil matters.
- Not every court appointed attorney is an eligible indigent defense expense
  - Not special prosecutors, not ad litem attorneys in civil matters.

# Attorney Detail of Court Expenditure Report

Government Code Section 79.036. Indigent Defense Information.

(a-1) Not later than November 1 of each year and in the form and manner prescribed by the commission, each county shall prepare and provide to the commission information that describes for the preceding fiscal year the **number of appointments under Article 26.04, Code of Criminal Procedure, and Title 3, Family Code, made to each attorney accepting appointments in the county**, and information provided to the county by those attorneys under Article 26.04(j) (4), Code of Criminal Procedure.

# Number of Appointments by Attorney

- Attorney level case reports build on existing IDER which requires aggregate figures:
  - Cases paid by case type (Juvenile, Capital Murder, Adult Felony, Adult Misdemeanor, Juvenile Appeals, Felony Appeals, and Misdemeanor Appeals)
  - By court
  - Above information must be reported by attorney with total amount paid to each attorney

**Indigent Defense Expenditure Report, Court Report, Anderson County  
3rd District Court**

These pages are being made available early for review. You may enter data, but prior to the start of the fiscal year, all data will be deleted. This will be done before the official data collection process begins. Send a description of any issues or suggestions to [jvanbeek@ppri.tamu.edu](mailto:jvanbeek@ppri.tamu.edu)

**Expenditures  
October 1, 2013 - September 30, 2014**

Category of Services	Attorney Fees	Investigation Expenditures	Expert Witness Expenditures	Other Litigation Expenditures
<b>Juvenile</b>				
Assigned Counsel				
Contract Counsel				
Managed Assigned Counsel				
<b>Capital Murder</b>				
Assigned Counsel				
Contract Counsel				
Managed Assigned Counsel				
<b>Adult Non-Capital Felony</b>				
Assigned Counsel				
Contract Counsel				
Managed Assigned Counsel				
<b>Adult Misdemeanor</b>				
Assigned Counsel				
Contract Counsel				
Managed Assigned Counsel				
<b>Total</b>				
<b>Juvenile Appeals</b>				
Assigned Counsel				
Contract Counsel				
Managed Assigned Counsel				
<b>Adult Felony Appeals</b>				
Assigned Counsel				
Contract Counsel				
Managed Assigned Counsel				
<b>Adult Misdemeanor Appeals</b>				
Assigned Counsel				
Contract Counsel				
Managed Assigned Counsel				
<b>Total</b>				

Provide the total number of cases paid to indigent defense counsel in this court for each of the following categories.

	Assigned Counsel Cases	Contract Counsel Cases	Managed Assigned Counsel Cases	Public Defender Cases
Juvenile Cases				
Capital Murder Cases				
Adult Non-Capital Felony Cases				
Adult Misdemeanor Cases				
Juvenile Appeal Cases				
Felony Appeal Cases				
Misdemeanor Appeal Cases				
<b>Total Cases</b>				

[Click to add attorney case counts and total paid on Court Attorney Report.](#)

If you are unable to follow the instructions in the IDER manual please check one or more of the boxes:

- Cases reported above are based on information from a clerk's office and not associated with the case information in the attorney fee report.
- The financial figures are estimates or for some other reason unreliable.
- The case counts are estimates or are for some other reason unreliable.

Notes (Please include any information needed by the Commission related to this report.)

Felony Appeal Cases

Misdemeanor Appeal Cases

Total Cases

[Click to add attorney case counts and total paid on Court Attorney Report.](#)

If you are unable to follow the instructions in the IDER manual please check one or more of the boxes:

- Cases reported above are based on information from a clerk's office and not associated with the payment information in the attorney fee voucher.
- The financial figures are estimates or are for some other reason unreliable.
- The case counts are estimates or are for some other reason unreliable.

Notes (Please include any information needed by the Commission related to this report.)

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**Court Attorney Report for FY14 Anderson County 3rd District Court**  
**Court ID: 320010003**

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Instructions: Enter a bar card number, the number of cases for each category, and the total amount paid to the attorney. Then click on the "Save" button. The screen will refresh with the name populated based the bar card number. A new line will be provided to enter an additional attorney. Click on "Save" and then click on "Close" when you are done.

Sort by  ▼

#	Bar Card	Attorney Name	Juvenile Cases Paid	Capital Murder Cases Paid	Adult Felony Cases Paid	Adult Misdemeanor Cases Paid	Juvenile Appeals Cases Paid	Felony Appeals Cases Paid	Misdemeanor Appeals Cases Paid	Total Paid
1	1	NATHAN L. HECHT	20							
2	2	PAUL W. GREEN	0							
3	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>								

# Attorney Detail of Court Expenditure Report

“Total Amount Paid” listed for each attorney should only include attorney fees.

If attorney payments included reimbursements for other expenses, such as investigators, expert witnesses, or other litigation expenses, those should not be included in attorney detail report.

# How to Reconcile Court Report and Attorney Detail

- Both the aggregate report for the court and the attorney detail portion include case counts and amounts paid.
- The total case counts in the court report may slightly differ from the total number of cases in the attorney detail report.
- The total attorney fees paid in the court report should match the total paid on the attorney detail.

# Attorney Detail Report Options

- Web Based Data Entry
- Excel Template with a standard data format provided on Commission website to permit county auditors to complete and then upload the report rather than manually entering the data into the website.

# Fiscal Monitor Review/Findings

Debra Stewart

<http://tidc.texas.gov>



# Purpose

The Commission is required by Texas Government Code §79.037 to monitor counties that receive grant funds and to enforce compliance by the county with the conditions of the grant.

The fiscal monitor serves as a valuable resource to counties by providing technical assistance to county employees regarding the tracking and reporting of indigent defense expenses. By helping counties proactively identify and rectify reporting issues and providing technical assistance, the fiscal monitor fills a critical role. This effort helps ensure the overall integrity of the local and state indigent defense expenditure report

- The Commission always strives to make monitoring reviews constructive, not punitive. It is in both the county's and the state's interest to have the limited state resources allocated for indigent defense used for the intended purposes and for the expenditure data reported to the state to accurately reflect the financial state of indigent defense in that particular county.

# **Common Findings for FY 2015**

[http://www.tidc.texas.gov/media/41828/fy14ider\\_pptraining.pdf](http://www.tidc.texas.gov/media/41828/fy14ider_pptraining.pdf)

# Unallowable Costs

- General Court Expenditures
  - Special prosecutor
    - One time situation for a court expense that didn't fit anywhere else
    - Defense attorney requested to be the prosecutor
  - Court reporter for time in court room – not just the transcription fee
  - Mediation Cost – the state of Texas does not permit mediation for criminal cases
  - Civil Case attorney fees

Period Ending: 9/2014

JE Number	JE Date	JE Description	JE Detail Description	Beginning Balance	Transaction Detail	Running Total (SUBTOTAL)	Vendor Name	Check Number	Source
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1263	08/05/2014	AP ACCRUAL 08/05/2014-AA	CAA-J LOCKRIDGE-3600		2,375.00	292,531.90	PACIFIC CROSS ATTORNEY	477055	AP
1263	08/05/2014	AP ACCRUAL 08/05/2014-AA	CAA-J LOCKRIDGE-3600		2,375.00	294,906.90	PACIFIC CROSS ATTORNEY	477055	AP
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1263	08/05/2014	AP ACCRUAL 08/05/2014-AA	CAA-J BURCH-3600		500.00	301,119.40	OWEN RANCE ATTORNEY	476993	AP
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1285	08/12/2014	AP ACCRUAL 08/12/2014-AA	CAA-M MCCLAIN-3600		1,306.25	303,119.40	MARK & PAINE	477270	AP
1285	08/12/2014	AP ACCRUAL 08/12/2014-AA	CAA-U GARCIA-3600		1,331.25	304,450.65	LAW OFFICE OF JAMES HORTON	477330	AP
1300	08/12/2014	AP ACCRUAL 08/12/2014-AA	CAA-V WARNER-3600		200.00	304,650.65	HUNTER & COMPANY	477266	AP
1300	08/12/2014	AP ACCRUAL 08/12/2014-AA	CAA-A ANDERSON-3600		837.50	305,488.15	REBECCA LIVING LAMBERT	477458	AP
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1300	08/12/2014	AP ACCRUAL 08/12/2014-AA	CAA-X FLOWERS-3600		962.50	312,613.15	REBECCA LIVING LAMBERT	477299	AP
1329	08/19/2014	AP ACCRUAL 08/19/2014-AA	CAA-J HOLBERT-3600		500.00	313,113.15	BRUNSON & ASSOC LAW	477694	AP
1329	08/19/2014	AP ACCRUAL 08/19/2014-AA	CAA-W MILLEN-3600		262.50	313,375.65	HARRISON & ASSOC	477654	AP
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1329	08/19/2014	AP ACCRUAL 08/19/2014-AA	CAA-S GRAYER-3600		750.00	314,388.15	REBECCA LIVING LAMBERT	477636	AP
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1361	08/26/2014	AP ACCRUAL 08/26/2014-AA	CAA-T O'CONNOR-3600		1,812.50	318,481.90	SMITH & ASSOC	478216	AP
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2 [Redacted] 1822 [Redacted] 11  
3 AUG 15 2014 [Redacted]  
4 PAID 3 [Redacted] 2  
5  
6 July 24, 2014  
7 TO: [Redacted]  
8 [Redacted]  
9  
10 RE: Court-July 22, 23, 24, 2014- [Redacted] DISTRICT COURT  
11 -----  
12 July 22, 2014- Full day.....\$325.00  
13 July 23, 2014- Full day..... 325.00  
14 July 24, 2014- Full day..... 325.00  
15 July 25, 2014- Half day..... 162.50  
16 TOTAL.....\$1137.50

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PURCHASING

# Attorney Fee Voucher

- Adopted Fee vouchers not utilized
  - multiple vouchers within one county that had several courts
  - County has voucher in plan documents but they just don't have the process to get vouchers turned into auditors office.
- Fee Vouchers – no itemization
  - usually the attorney not requesting an amount
- Fee Voucher – no written explanation for variance

### Attorney Fee Voucher

Please reference Invoice # 5102

1. Jurisdiction <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> County Court at Law Court # _____	2. County _____	3. Cause Number Unindicted _____ Offense Press CS - 2 <sup>nd</sup> degree	4. Proceedings <input type="checkbox"/> Trial-Jury <input type="checkbox"/> Trial-Court <input type="checkbox"/> Plea-Open <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Plea-Bargain <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
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5. In the case of: **State of Texas v \_\_\_\_\_**

6. Case Level  
 Felony  Misdemeanor  Juvenile  Appeal  Capital Case  
 Revocation - Felony  Revocation - Misdemeanor  No Charges Filed  Other Ord. Disgrace

7. Attorney (Full Name) _____	9. Attorney Address (Include Law Firm Name if Applicable) _____ _____	10. Telephone _____
8. State Bar Number _____	8a. Tax ID Number _____	11. Fax _____

12. Flat Fee - Court Appointed Service

13. In Court Services	Hours	Dates	12a. Total Flat Fee \$ _____
Rate per Hour = _____	Total hours _____		13a. Total In Court Compensation. \$ _____

14. Out of Court Services	Hours	Dates	14a. Total Out of Court Compensation. \$ _____
Rate per Hour = _____	Total hours _____		

15. Investigator	Amount	15a. Total Investigator Expenses \$ _____
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16. Expert Witness	Amount	16a. Total Expert Witness Expenses \$ _____
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17. Other Litigation Expenses	Amount	17a. Total Other Litigation Expenses \$ _____
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18. Time Period of service Rendered: From November 18, 2013 to November 27, 2013

19. Additional Comments Plea Bargain 20. Total Compensation and Expenses Claimed

21. Attorney Certification - I, the undersigned attorney, certify that the above information is true and correct and in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas. The compensation and expenses claimed were reasonable and necessary to provide effective assistance of counsel.

Final Payment  Partial Payment  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date 11-27-13

22. SIGNATURE OF PRESIDING JUDGE: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Approved: 750

Reason(s) for Denial or Variation \_\_\_\_\_ 11:50 AM

Pages

- Rotate
- Delete
- Extract
- Replace
- Crop
- Split Document

Insert Pages

- Insert from File
- More Insert Options

Edit Page Design

- Header & Footer
- Background
- Watermark

Content

- Forms
- Recognize Text
- Protection
- Sign & Certify

# Case Counts

- Case Count Errors –
  - Simple math errors
  - No support and unable to duplicate.
- No cases listed on a Mental Health contract invoice
  - For contracted attorney's the voucher must include list of cases disposed for the time period covered by invoice.

# Fee Schedule

- Vouchers are not paid in accordance with published fee schedule.
- Fee schedule didn't list fees for certain type cases.
- Judge routinely added extra "mileage" for certain attorney's. Fee schedule was approved to take in consideration for miles as county was isolated.

# **CLE Hours**

CLE hours were not maintained

# Reporting Errors

- Errors/Mis-Categorized
  - New attorney reporting -- I saw case numbers added to other attorneys because the bar card number was not provided.
    - [www.Texasbar.com](http://www.Texasbar.com)
  - Reimbursements to attorneys are included as attorney fees.
    - Supplies and Mileage reimbursements
    - Investigator Fees

**Thank you!**

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