

**FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE JUDICIAL REGION OF TEXAS**

**List of Attorneys Qualified to Represent Indigent Defendants in Death Penalty Cases  
Updated February 2026**

Pursuant to Article 26.052 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure, the following attorneys have been approved by the Local Selection Committee for appointment to death penalty cases in the First Administrative Judicial Region:

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Catherine Bernhard	PO Box 506 Seagoville, Texas 75159	(972) 294-7262	First, Second, Appellate	All Counties in the Region
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Dennis D. Davis	2900 Lee Street, Suite 102 Greenville, Texas 75401	(903) 454-6050	First, Second	Delta, Fannin, Hopkins, Hunt, Kaufman, Rockwall
Richard Franklin	2150 S. Central Expressway, #200 McKinney, Texas 75070	(214) 695-3507	First, Second	All Counties in the Region
Barry Keith Gore, Jr.	2301 Virginia Parkway McKinney, Texas 75071	(972) 529-2220	First, Second	All Counties in the Region
Steven Green	217 N Palestine Street Ste. B-C, Athens, Texas 75751	(903) 675-1802	Second	All Counties in the Region
Jeffrey Haas	100 East Ferguson, Suite 908 Tyler, Texas 75702	(903) 593-8338	First, Second Appellate	All Counties in the Region, except Dallas (as trial counsel); AU Counties in the Region (as appellate counsel)

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Paul Johnson	900 Jackson Street, Suite 650 Dallas, Texas 75202	(214) 761-0707	First, Second	All Counties in the Region
Edwin V. King	2780 Virginia Parkway McKinney, Texas 75071	(214) 704-7332 (214) 871-8800	First, Second	Collin, Dallas, Rockwall
Karen Lambert	6060 N. Central Expressway, Suite 500 Dallas, Texas 75206	(214) 908-5200	Second	All Counties in the Region
Michael Mowla	PO Box 868 Cedar Hill, Texas 75106	(972) 795-2401	Appellate	All Counties In the Region
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Juan Carlos Sanchez	1825 Market Center Boulevard, Suite 360 Dallas, Texas 75207	(214) 365-0700	First, Second	Collin, Dallas
Gary Smart	4214 Little Road, Suite 2000 Arlington, Texas 76016	(214) 244-6600	First	Ellis
Gretchen Sween	712 Upson Street Austin, Texas 78763-5083	(214) 557-5779	Lead Appellate	All Counties in the Region
Clay Thomas	15244 West State Hwy. 21 Douglass, Texas 75943	(936) 715-7144	Second	All Counties in the Region
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Kobby T. Warren	1910 Pacific Avenue, Suite 10500 Dallas, Texas 75201	(214) 999-9499	Second	Dallas
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