

**Resolution authorizing an update to the schedule of fees for the legal representation provided for Indigent Defendants to align the rates and amounts with the State Maximum Fee Schedule for Appointed Counsel Reimbursement established by the Office of the Ohio Public Defender.
(Commissioners)**

WHEREAS, Franklin County recognizes its responsibility under the laws of the State of Ohio and the United States of America to provide legal counsel for indigent individuals charged with serious offenses in the Courts of Franklin County; and

WHEREAS, Franklin County has chosen to utilize an assigned counsel system under the authority of section 120.33 of the Revised Code, and to adopt a Schedule of Fees for these services pursuant to sections 120.33(A) and 2941.51 of the Revised Code; and

WHEREAS, the Office of the Ohio Public Defender has established a State Maximum Fee Schedule for Appointed Counsel Reimbursement, revised September 2021 for all assigned counsel fees; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners along with the Franklin County Common Pleas Court General Division, Domestic Relations Court/Juvenile Division, Probate Court, Municipal Court and the Tenth District Court of Appeals desire to align the Schedule of Fees to the amounts established by the Office of the Ohio Public Defender; and

WHEREAS, this Schedule of Fees supersedes those authorized by Resolution No. 596-01; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO:

1. That pursuant to sections 120.33 and 2941.51 of the Revised Code, the attached Schedule of Fees for use by the Franklin County Common Pleas Court, General Division, Domestic Relations Court/Juvenile Division, Probate Court, Municipal Court, and the Tenth District Court of Appeals, which is based on the Office of the Ohio Public Defender State Maximum Fee Schedule for Appointed Counsel Reimbursement, revised September 2021 is hereby adopted.

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2. That the payment of extraordinary fees due to complex issues, multiple offenses, lengthy trials, or other reasons, warranting compensation at a rate which exceeds the maximums established by a county or the OPD is hereby authorized upon proper application and approval as determined by each respective Court.
3. That the payment for expenses associated with providing representation shall be made when submitted on the attorney's fee certificate and approved by the respective Court. Expenses shall not exceed \$100 without prior Court approval. Expenses in excess of \$100 may be allowed only if approved by the judge in advance of incurring the expense and the amount thereof is determined to be reasonable by the judge.
4. The effective date of this new Schedule of Fees for Assigned Counsel is January 1, 2022, except for Probate Court which is effective upon passage of this resolution. Cases assigned on or after January 1, 2022 will be eligible for the fees established above, except for Probate Court which will be eligible for the fees established above upon passage of this resolution.

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