



TEXAS  
JUVENILE JUSTICE  
DEPARTMENT

TRANSFORMING YOUNG LIVES AND CREATING SAFER COMMUNITIES

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Dear Juvenile Law Section Member:

The Texas Juvenile Justice Department (TJJD) is seeking to expand its network of attorneys retained to represent youth in parole revocation hearings. In fiscal year 2018, the Department conducted over 200 parole revocation hearings throughout the state. Given your interest in juvenile law, I am writing to invite your participation and service.

A significant portion of the youth in TJJD's care have experienced multiple adverse childhood experiences. Recognizing the impact that such trauma has on youths' cognitive development, TJJD has adopted a new paradigm: trauma-informed corrections. We call it the Texas Model. We believe this is the best way to achieve the goals that we all fundamentally share—keeping our communities safe while correcting behavior in the right way, thus providing our youth with the chance to lead better, more productive lives. One element of this approach is building trust in people and institutions. In support of this effort, the TJJD Office of General Counsel ensures that all youth are afforded due process.

By serving as counsel for youth facing parole revocation, you have an opportunity to positively influence the lives of future generations of Texans by offering your advice, counsel, and time. We have also updated our fee structure to bring it into alignment with county appointment rates.

Hourly rate of \$100/hour up to five hours;  
Travel hourly rate of \$25.00/hour (pre-approval is required prior to travel); and  
Mileage reimbursement at the IRS-allowable rate (currently 58 cents/mile)

If you are interested in serving as appointed counsel for our youth, please provide us with a current *curriculum vitae*. Please include your contact information and availability. You may fax or e-mail your correspondence to Becky Woodruff, Legal Assistant, at (512) 490-7930 fax or e-mail to [Becky.Woodruff@tjjd.texas.gov](mailto:Becky.Woodruff@tjjd.texas.gov). We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Christian von Wupperfeld".

Christian von Wupperfeld  
General Counsel