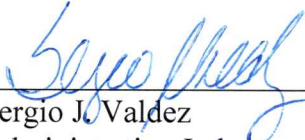


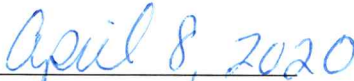
## MISDEMEANOR COVID-19 TEMPORARY WHEEL

In efforts to effectuate the 6<sup>th</sup> Amendment Effective Assistance of Counsel, to minimize pretrial incarceration, and given the Covid-19 situation, the County Court at Law Judges of Hidalgo County have put in place this Temporary Wheel. Attorneys who choose to be on this wheel will be required to fulfill the conditions stated herein. It is optional for attorneys to request to be placed on this wheel. There will be no penalty for those attorneys who do not wish to be on this wheel. Once the Covid 19 situation has been resolved, Indigent Defense will return to the rotation of the entire wheel.

### Requirements to be placed on the wheel

1. Attorney must be an individual who is currently on the wheel. Attorney must continue to meet qualification to remain on the wheel.
2. Attorney must execute the attached acknowledgment.
3. Attorney must be willing to visit defendants via teleconference or “in person” at the jail if needed.
4. Attorney must be willing to meet “in person” with defendant to sign “plea paperwork” if necessary.
5. Attorney must immediately request discovery from the State of Texas along with a recommendation for disposition of case. This request must be made within 48 hours.
6. After completing step 5, Attorney must review the discovery and convey the recommendation to the defendant upon his first visit (teleconference or in person) with the defendant. The first visit with the defendant shall take place within 48 hours of receiving the evidence and or recommendation.
7. All vouchers are being submitted electronically within the 45 day period from disposition.
8. The fee payment schedule for the pleas during this Temporary Wheel will be Five Hundred Dollars \$500.00
9. Any questions on this Temporary Wheel may be addressed to Isidro Sepulveda.

  
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Sergio J. Valdez  
Administrative Judge  
County Courts at Law  
Hidalgo County, Texas

  
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Date

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**ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND REQUEST TO BE PLACED ON TEMPORARY WHEEL**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, BAR NO. \_\_\_\_\_, HEREBY  
AGREE TO HAVE MY NAME PLACED ON THE MISDEMEANOR TEMPORARY  
WHEEL. I HAVE READ THE PRECEDING CONDITIONS AND I AGREE THAT I WILL  
FULFILL THESE CONDITIONS FOR EACH MISDEMEANOR APPOINTMENT I RECEIVE.

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Signature

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Date