

# HARRIS COUNTY CRIMINAL LAWYERS ASSOCIATION

## APPLICATION

### WHAT IS HCCLA?

Harris County Criminal Lawyers Association, a nonprofit, tax-exempt professional association, comprises lawyers from Harris County, Texas and elsewhere who are working to promote excellence and high ideals in the practice of criminal law.

Any lawyer who is actively engaged in the defense of criminal cases and is endorsed by a member may join HCCLA.

### WHAT DOES A MEMBER DO?

- Participates and exchanges information and skills in our CLE programs and listserv.
- Performs agreed *pro bono* service.
- Brings to the Association's attention proper grievances in the practice that merit response and action.
- Takes calls on our referral service.

### WHAT DOES HCCLA DO FOR THE DEFENSE BAR?

- Provides referrals through our lawyer referral service and through our membership directory.
- Publishes *The Defender*, a quarterly newsletter addressing topics of interest to the criminal defense bar.
- Provides a responsive local forum for lawyers actively engaged in the practice of criminal law.
- Opposes legislation and local rules that infringe on individual rights protected by constitutional guarantees.
- Promotes a productive exchange of ideas and encourages better communication with prosecutors and the judiciary.
- Provides continuing legal education programs for improving advocacy skills and knowledge.
- Promotes a just application of the court-appointed lawyer system for indigent persons charged with criminal offenses.
- Files amicus curiae briefs in support of freedom and human rights.

Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Firm Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Website: \_\_\_\_\_

Date admitted to practice: \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to join the HCCLA listserv?: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of membership (dues)

Student (\$25)

Expected graduation date: \_\_\_\_\_

Federal public defender (\$75\*)

New lawyer (within two years of licensing) (\$75\*)

Regular membership (\$150\*)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of applicant

### ENDORSEMENT

I, a member in good standing of HCCLA, believe this applicant to be a person of professional competency, integrity and good moral character. The applicant is actively engaged in the defense of criminal cases.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of endorsing member

\_\_\_\_\_  
PRINTED NAME OF ENDORSING MEMBER

Mail this application to:

HCCLA

P.O. Box 924523

Houston, Texas 77292-4523

713.227.2404

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\* If paid between April 1 and December 31, this amount constitutes payment of dues until May 31 of the *following* year. Dues paid between January 1 and March 31 are half the listed amount and cover membership until May 31 of the *same* year.