

Collin County Probate Court 2100 Bloomdale Road, Suite 12010 McKinney, Texas 75071

MEMO

TO: Collin County Commissioners Court

FROM: Sarah R. Duff

DATE: February 26, 2024

RE: Associate Judge Appointment and Pay

Judge Hill and Commissioners:

Texas Government Code Section 54A.203 permits a judge of a statutory probate court to appoint one or more full-time or part-time associate judges to perform the duties of the probate court with the approval of the commissioners' court. As you know, Judge Copeland previously appointed Judge Wheless to sit as an associate judge of this Court to assist from time to time to keep the docket running as efficiently as possible. I would like to continue this practice and continue Judge Wheless' associate judgeship for the Probate Court on a part-time basis at the same rate of pay.

To be sure the appointment is in compliance with Texas Government Code, I request the approval of the Commissioners' Court to: 1) appoint Judge Wheless as Associate Judge of the Probate Court of Collin County, and 2) pay Judge Wheless the same daily pay rate as established by Judge Copeland.

Please let me know if additional information is required, and I will be happy to provide that for the members of the Court.

Sarah R. Duff