

815.7 Fees to attorneys.

An attorney who has not entered into a contract authorized under section 13B.4 and who is appointed by the court to represent any person charged with a crime in this state, seeking postconviction relief, against whom a contempt action is pending, appealing a criminal conviction, appealing a denial of postconviction relief, or subject to a proceeding under section 811.1A or chapter 229A or 812, or to serve as counsel for any person or guardian ad litem for any child in juvenile court, shall be entitled to reasonable compensation and expenses. For appointments made on or after July 1, 1999, the reasonable compensation shall be calculated on the basis of sixty dollars per hour for class "A" felonies, fifty-five dollars per hour for class "B" felonies, and fifty dollars per hour for all other cases. The expenses shall include any sums as are necessary for investigations in the interest of justice, and the cost of obtaining the transcript of the trial record and briefs if an appeal is filed. The attorney need not follow the case into another county or into the appellate court unless so directed by the court. If the attorney follows the case into another county or into the appellate court, the attorney shall be entitled to compensation as provided in this section. Only one attorney fee shall be so awarded in any one case except that in class "A" felony cases, two may be authorized.

[C51, § 25612563; R60, § 1578, 41684170; C73, § 38293831; C97, § 5314; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, § **13774**; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, § 775.5; C79, 81, § 815.7]

94 Acts, ch 1187, §23; 96 Acts, ch 1193, § 8; 97 Acts, ch 126, § 50; 99 Acts, ch 135, §26; 2000 Acts, ch 1115, §5; 2004 Acts, ch 1084, §12

Compensation rates for attorneys appointed prior to July 1, 1999; determination of appointment date and compensation rate in juvenile cases; 2000 Acts, ch 1115, §10