## MEDINA MUNICIPAL COURT

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## APPOINTED DEFENSE COUNSEL APPLICANTS SOUGHT

"The right of one charged with crime to counsel may not be deemed fundamental and essential to fair trials in some countries, but it is in ours. From the very beginning, our state and national constitutions and laws have laid great emphasis on procedural and substantive safeguards designed to assure fair trials before impartial tribunals in which every defendant stands equal before the law. This noble ideal cannot be realized if the poor man charged with crime has to face his accusers without a lawyer to assist him."

## ~ Gideon v. Wainwright, 372 U.S. 335, 344, 83 S. Ct. 792, 796–97, 9 L. Ed. 2d 799 (1963).

"Lawyers have a license to practice law, a monopoly on certain services. But for that privilege and status, lawyers have an obligation to provide legal services to those without the wherewithal to pay, to respond to needs outside themselves, to help repair tears in their communities."

## U.S. Supreme Court Associate Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg Introductory remarks, 2014 Pro Bono Institute Annual Conference Reception

The Medina Municipal Court is seeking area attorneys for addition to its appointed criminal defense counsel list. Addition to the list will assist attorneys in fulfilling their Prof. Cond. R. 6.2 obligations.

The court handles all misdemeanor traffic and criminal offenses, first through fourth degree. The court also appoints attorneys during initial appearances on felony matters scheduled for preliminary hearing here.

Those added to the appointed defense counsel list may specify those categories of offenses for which they would accept appointments. Qualifications for appointment are listed in the Medina Municipal Court Local Rule 6(D). Compensation rates are set by State law.

Please inquire with Court Manager Cindy Lastuka, <u>clastuka@medinamunicipalcourt.org</u>, or via (330) 723-3287, ext. 252, for more information and an application.

Thank you for considering this important role.

The Honorable Gary F. Werner Judge, Medina Municipal Court

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