



## Call for Criminal Defense Attorneys

Governor Abbott has increased the presence of law enforcement along the border as part of Operation Lone Star.

As a result, immigrants are being arrested for criminal offenses, including criminal trespass and criminal mischief.

Criminal defense attorneys are needed to represent persons in misdemeanor and felony cases.

If interested, please fill out this [online application](#).

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### Where are these cases located?

Currently, most arrests are occurring in Val Verde County (Del Rio, Texas). However, it may expand to all 42 counties [listed in the disaster declaration](#), including Bee, Brewster, Brooks, Colorado, Crane, Crockett, Culberson, DeWitt, Dimmit, Edwards, Frio, Galveston, Goliad, Gonzales, Hudspeth, Jackson, Jeff Davis, Jim Hogg, Kenedy, Kimble, Kinney, La Salle, Lavaca, Live Oak, Mason, Maverick, McMullen, Medina, Menard, Midland, Pecos, Presidio, Real, Schleicher, Sutton, Terrell, Throckmorton, Uvalde, Val Verde, Webb, Zapata, and Zavala Counties.

### What types of cases will be prosecuted?

Most cases will be misdemeanors, including criminal trespass, but some felony charges are likely.

### What is the scope of representation?

Attorneys are expected to fully represent their clients from appointment through resolution of the criminal case, including investigation and trial, if necessary.

### How many cases will I be assigned?

Attorneys can determine how many cases they are comfortable accepting.

### Where will my clients be held?

Most defendants are being held in the TDCJ [Briscoe Unit](#) in Frio County (Dilley, Texas). The facility is approximately 2.5 hours from Del Rio and 2.5 hours from San Antonio.

### Is videoconferencing capability available?

Yes. Videoconferencing will be available.

### Where would a trial take place?

Trials will take place in the county where the arrest occurred, likely Val Verde County.

### Will I have support for *Padilla* (immigration) advice for these cases?

Yes. All appointed attorneys will receive free immigration consequence consultation from [myPadilla.com](#).

### Will I have access to investigators and interpreters?

Yes. Attorneys will have access to investigators and interpreters.

### How much will I be paid?

At this time, attorneys will be paid according to the [Val Verde attorney fee schedule](#).

### Will there be additional training?

A training on issues specific to these cases will soon be available. Contact LPDO for details.

### What if I have additional questions?

Lubbock Private Defender Office is serving as the hub for the defense function for Operation Lone Star. E-mail [operationlonestar@lpdo.com](mailto:operationlonestar@lpdo.com) or visit <https://www.lpdo.org/> to learn more.



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