

# Attorney's Eye-Popping \$460,000 in Earnings to Defend Indigent Clients Prompting Changes

A Texas county is adding more controls after fees to an attorney representing indigent clients this past fiscal year topped \$460,000 – more than double the amount of any other court-appointed lawyer in Collin County, reports *The Dallas Morning News*.

Attorney Marc Fratter, 46, also earned significantly more than anyone on the county payroll, including the district judges who approved his pay sheets, according to reporter **Valerie Wigglesworth**.

“Fratter said he put in long hours – billing as much as 100 hours a week at times – with his one-man firm handling the workload of as many as six attorneys. He pointed to judges’ signatures on all of his pay sheets. “I’m not hiding anything,” he said.

**Read the *Dallas News* article.**