

**Carrie Janto - \$40/hour unreasonable**

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I am a member of a 2-attorney law firm that does not take public defender appointments because we cannot afford to do so.

\$40.00 an hour for public defenders in Wisconsin is completely unreasonable and outdated. My law school degree and license, all things considered, cost me 4 years of my life spent in virtual isolation, in focused and intense study, and \$200,000.00 in student loans.

One would hope that such a concentrated expensive investment in a career will result in hourly rates that can provide for gainful employment. A gross figure of \$40/hour simply cannot.

There is no way a gross figure of \$40/hour can sustain a viable private practice that covers the cost of taxes, insurance, CLEs, continued licensing, legal research, phone service, rent, support employees, and all of the other substantial costs that come with running a successful, competent, capable legal practice.

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