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**IMPLEMENTATION OF HOURLY RATE AND CASE MAXIMUM
INCREASES FOR CJA PANEL ATTORNEYS**

The hourly rate for the Criminal Justice Act (CJA) panel attorney has been increased from \$127 to \$129 for work performed on non-capital cases on or after January 1, 2016. Where the appointment of counsel occurred before January 1, 2016, the new compensation rates will apply to the portion of services provided on or after January 1, 2016.

Likewise, the panel attorney case compensation maximum amounts, excluding expenses, have increased by \$100 to \$10,000, \$7,200, and \$2900 respectively, in the following types of matters: misdemeanors, felonies, proceedings under 18 U.S.C. § 983, post-conviction proceedings under 28 U.S.C. §§ 2241, 2254, or 2255, proceedings under 28 U.S.C. § 1875, proceedings under 18 U.S.C. § 4107 or § 4108 and appeals from those matters. However, the other case maximum amount of \$2,100 for proceedings under 18 U.S.C. § 4106A, other representations (i.e. probation supervised released hearing, material witness, grand jury witness) and appeals from other representations remain the same.

In addition, the case compensation maximum amount of \$2,400, excluding expenses, which is included in subsection (e)(3) of the CJA, increases \$100 to \$2,500. The \$2,500 compensation maximum applies to each individual service provider in a non-capital representation.

The new case compensation maximums apply to a voucher submitted by appointed counsel if the attorney or service provider furnished any CJA-compensable work on or after January 1, 2016. The former case compensation maximums apply to representation that is completed before January 1, 2016.

Should you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact Shervin Clarke, Financial Supervisor, at (340) 774-0640.

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