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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 \$140 to \$148 for work performed on non-capital cases on or after February 15, 2019. Where the appointment of counsel occurred before February 15, 2019 the new compensation rates will apply to the portion of services provided on or after February 15, 2019.

Likewise, the panel attorney case compensation maximum amounts, excluding expenses, have increased from \$10,900, \$7,800, and \$2,300 to \$11,500, \$8,200, and \$2,500 respectively, in the following types of matters: 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. § 4106A and other representation required or authorized by the CJA (including, but not limited to probation, supervised release hearing, material witness, grand jury witness) and appeals of other representation. Additionally, the other case maximum amount of \$3,100 for misdemeanors and proceedings under 18 U.S.C. § 4107 or § 4108, has increased to \$3,300.

The new case compensation maximums apply to a voucher submitted by appointed counsel if that person furnished any CJA-compensable work on or after February 15, 2019. The former case compensation maximums apply to voucher submitted by appointed counsel if that person's CJA-compensable work on the representation was completed before February 15, 2019.

In addition, the federal pay raise resulted in an increase to the case compensation maximums for investigative, expert, or other services. The new case compensation maximum amount without prior authorization is \$900 (up from \$800).

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

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