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FAQs/Tips for Success

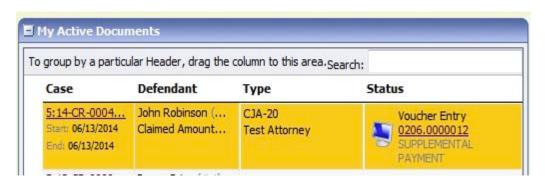
- 1. Accessing eVoucher- This is the link to District Court of the Virgin Islands CJA eVoucher page on the Court's webin site: http://www.vid.uscourts.gov/criminal-justice-act-info
- 2. Mailing Address- The Panel Attorney is responsible for maintaining current contact information in eVoucher. Attorneys should verify their mailing address for accuracy. CJA disbursement checks are mailed from the U.S. Treasury to the attorney at the address in the eVoucher Profile.
- 3. Phone Number- The eVoucher contact profile includes a spot for both 'Phone' and 'Cell phone'. However, only the number in the 'Phone' field appears on the screen that is viewable by the court during the rotational appointment process. Attorneys should enter in the 'Phone' field the phone number they would like to receive calls for appointments. This information is not public; it is viewable only by the attorney and the court staff.
- 4. Address or Phone number change- Be sure to update any changes in address or telephone number. The Panel Attorney is responsible for maintaining current contact information in eVoucher so that the court can contact the attorney for assignments and so that disbursement checks are mailed to the proper address. Updates to mailing address and phone number can be made in the Profile (Landing Page, "My Profile")
- 5. Passwords / Changing passwords From the Landing Page 'My Profile' Login Info
 - Passwords must be changed every 180 days.
 - Re-use of previously used passwords is not permitted.
 - Passwords must be a minimum of 8 characters and contain: lower case letters, upper case letters, numbers, special characters.
- 6. **Periodic saving** The eVoucher program only recognizes 'action' items as system activity such as hitting the Save button - and may periodically time out for security purposes. It is good practice to save your entries on each screen, before advancing to the next screen, to prevent loss of data. If you have a high volume of claims to enter and plan to enter them in one session, you should periodically save your entries so that if you get timed out or if you navigate away from the eVoucher window, you will not lose your input.
- 7. Claims for services- Beginning with the appointment and the first appearance in court, attorneys should begin to enter claims for all work done in the case. During the case, claims should be entered contemporaneously. Vouchers should be submitted 45 days after the last day of service. Attorneys are encouraged to submit vouchers for service providers in a timely manner.
- 8. Billing Information- The Panel Attorney is responsible for entering and maintaining their Billing Information in eVoucher, including adding the Social Security Number or EIN. Payments will be mailed from the U.S. Treasury to the address listed in the attorney's profile and 1099s will be issued under the SSN/EIN as it appears in the Profile.

Self-Employed: the panel attorney does not work for a firm and/or the taxable income associated with these CJA payments shall be reported to the IRS and on a 1099 with the attorney's name and SSN. To select, a valid SSN must first be entered in the Attorney Info section.

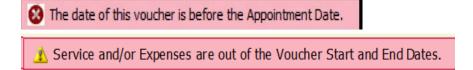
Firm: the panel attorney is performing CJA services as an employee of a firm (Pre-Existing Agreement). Enter the EIN number for the firm. Payments will be made to the attorney whose name and address is listed in the Attorney Info section and 1099's will be sent to the firm listed in the Billing Info section.

Associate: the attorney is not the appointed counsel in the case, but is providing services in support of appointed counsel in the case. Work performed by the associate is claimed by and paid to the appointed counsel.

- 9. Panel attorney has accepted the appointment. What's next? Upon the acceptance of a CJA appointment, the Court creates the appointment in eVoucher. eVoucher will generate an e-mail to the panel attorney confirming the appointment. When the panel attorney accesses eVoucher, pending appointments will appear in the 'Appointments List' box of the landing page. Select the case by clicking on the hyper-link. Along the left column, click 'Create CJA-20'. Basic Info page review for correctness. Confirm that billing information as displayed in the Payment Info (blue area at the bottom) is accurate. Claims should be entered contemporaneously on the 'Services' and 'Expenses' pages for work performed from the date of the appointment up to case conclusion. Once the CJA-20 is created, it will appear in the 'My Active Documents' box on the Landing Page. Return to this section to input claims. (The Court is not able to see or access the CJA-20 voucher while it is in progress with the attorney.)
- 10. **Using an Interpreter or Other Expert-** Experts are reimbursed via a CJA- 21, which the attorney completes and submits on behalf of the expert. Any service over \$800, excluding expenses, must be pre-approved. Attorneys should submit an AUTH in CJA- eVoucher for pre-approval of expert services.
- 11. **My CJA 21 voucher is still appearing in "My Active Documents"-** CJA-21 is a two-step process: 1) The attorney creates the CJA21 voucher on behalf of the expert. Upon submitting it electronically, it will appear in the "My Active Documents" window on the attorney's landing page. 2) Select it, navigate to the Confirmation page, and approve the voucher. It will be submitted electronically to the court. This is the attorney's certification that the work was performed by the expert.
- 12. **Requesting transcripts** To obtain court approval for the court reporter to produce a transcript, the panel attorney must submit an Auth-24 in the eVoucher system.
- 13. **Receipts**-Appointed counsel must itemize each expense for which reimbursement is claimed on each calendar day of travel. Supporting documentation (e.g., receipts, canceled checks) must be provided, where practical, for all travel expenses and for any other expense in excess of \$50. An invoice is not considered proof of payment.
- 14. **Yellow Highligheted Item in Inbox** An entry in 'My Active Documents' appearing highlighted in yellow means the voucher has been rejected by the Court. Counsel will also receive an e-mail via eVoucher with an explanation. The reason for the rejection can also be found in the Attorney Notes section at the bottom of the Confirmation page.



15. Error regarding dates-



If you receive either of the above errors, navigate to the Claim Status section of the voucher. The start date appearing on this page is the date of the appointment. This is the earliest date for which claims can be submitted. The end date is the final date on which expenses relative to the appointment were incurred. To resolve the errors above, verify that claims on the Services and Expenses sections do not fall outside of the date range on the Claim Status page. If you are not able to resolve the error, contact the Court.



Introduction

The CJA eVoucher System is a web-based solution for submission, monitoring, and management of all Criminal Justice Act (CJA) functions. The eVoucher program will allow for:

- online authorization requests by attorneys for service providers.
- online voucher completion by the service provider or by the attorney acting for the service provider.
- online voucher review and submission by the attorney; and
- online submission to the court.

Attorneys are required to create and submit vouchers for their service providers. The program includes the following modules:

Panel Management

- Allows attorneys to manage their own account information including address, phone, firm associations and applicable CLE credits.
- Allows for submission of holding periods or a specific amount of time taken off for medical leave, vacation, etc.

Voucher and Authorization Request Submission

- Authorization requests by attorneys for expert services
- Requests by attorneys for interim payment
- Upload supporting documents to vouchers or authorization requests
- Reports for attorneys to take an active part in monitoring costs
- Automatic email notification to attorney of approval or rejection of vouchers and authorization requests

Browser Compatibility

- Windows: Chrome 62, Edge 16, Firefox 57, Internet Explorer 10.1 with Compatibility Mode, Internet Explorer 11
- Apple Macintosh: Safari 10.1

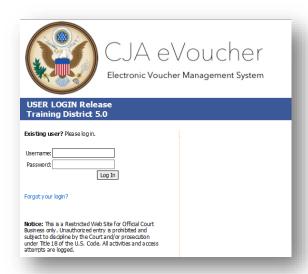
Court Appointment

When an appointment is made, an email will automatically be generated by the program, and sent to the appointed attorney. The email will confirm the appointment and provide a link to the CJA eVoucher program. The attorney must log in and accept the appointment within 24 hours of receipt of the email. Occasionally, you may receive a telephone call, notifying you of the appointment.

Accessing the CJA eVoucher Program

You may access the eVoucher program by clicking on the link provided in the appointment email generated by the program or by visiting the District Court of the Virgin Islands website at www.vid.uscourts.gov and clicking on the Criminal Justice Act tab. It is suggested that you bookmark http://www.vid.uscourts.gov for easier access.

To log in initially, please use the Username and Password provided to you from Financial Services.



You are required to change your password within **30 days** of the first time you log on to eVoucher. Passwords must be at least eight characters in length and contain:

- one lowercase character;
- one uppercase character;
- one number; and
- one special character.

You are required to change your password every 180 days.

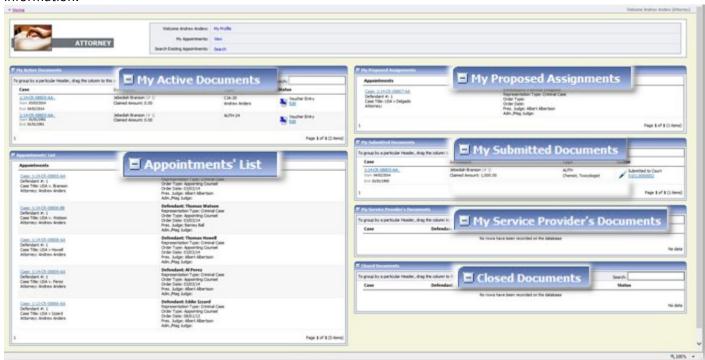
If you forget your user name or password, click **Forgot your Login?** hyperlink. Enter your user name or email address and click **Recover Logon** to retrieve your information. You will receive an email offering help. The link provided in the password reset email is valid for 15 minutes and can only be accessed one time.



Home Page

Your home page provides access to all of your appointments and vouchers.

Security prohibits you from viewing information for any other attorney. Likewise, no one else has access to your information.



Folder Descriptions	
My Active Documents	This folder contains documents that you are currently working on or have been submitted to you by an expert service provider. These documents are waiting for you to take action.
Appointments' List	This is a quick reference to all your appointments.
My Proposed Assignments	Cases appear in this folder if an appointment has been proposed to you and you have not accepted or rejected the appointment.
My Submitted Documents	This folder contains vouchers for yourself, or your service provider, that have been submitted to the court for payment. Documents submitted to the court requesting expert services or interim payments also appear in this folder.
My Service Provider's Documents	 This folder contains all the vouchers for your service providers. This includes: vouchers in progress by the experts; vouchers submitted to the attorney for approval and submission to the court; and vouchers signed off by the attorney and submitted to the court for payment.
Closed Documents	This folder contains documents that have been paid or have been approved by the court. Closed documents are only displayed for open cases. Closed documents are displayed until they are archived and/or for 60-90 days after the appointment is terminated. They are still accessible through the appointment page.

Navigating in the CJA eVoucher Program



Menu Bar Item	Description
Home	Click to access the eVoucher home page.
Operations	Click to search for specific appointments.
Reports	Click to view selected reports you may run on your appointments.
Links	Click to access hyperlinks to CJA resources such as forms, guides, publications, etc.
Help	Click to access:
Logout	Click to log off of the eVoucher program.

Customizing the Home Page

Customizing your home page allows you to alter the manner in which your information is displayed in the folders.

Expanding/Collapsing Folders: Click the plus sign 🔳 to expand a folder. Click the minus sign 🔲 to collapse a folder.

Moving Folders



Place your mouse pointer on the top edge of the folder you wish to relocate.

A **crosshair** icon appears.



Click and drag the folder to the new location.

Sorting: Click the column heading (e.g., **Case, Description, Type**) to sort in either ascending or descending order.

Resizing of Column



Along the folder headings (e.g., **Case**, **Defendant**, **Type**, etc.), move your cursor to the line between the columns until a double arrow \Leftrightarrow appears.



Drag the line in the desired direction to enlarge or reduce the column size.

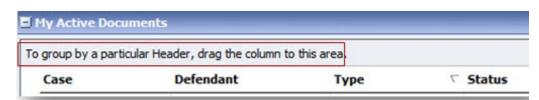
Note: The folder size does not increase; therefore, some columns may move off the screen.

Customizing the Home Page (continued)

Group by column heading: You may sort all the information within a folder by grouping documents by the column heading. All folders displaying the group header bar may be sorted in this manner.

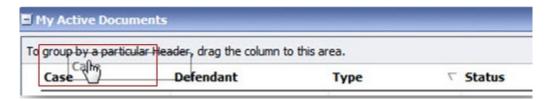


Click the header for the column you wish to group.



Step 2

Click and drag the header to the Group by: header bar.



Step 3

All the information in that folder is now grouped and sorted by that selection.



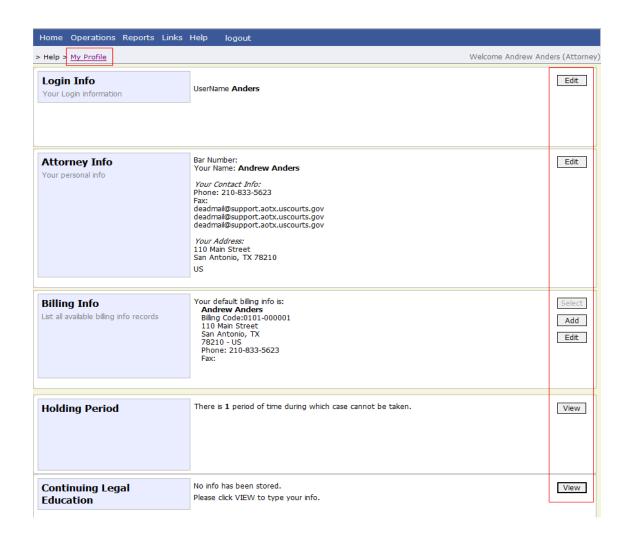
My Profile

In the **My Profile** section, the attorney may:

- change password (**Login Info** section);
- edit contact information, phone, email, and/or physical address (Attorney Info section);
- update Social Security number (SSN) or employee identification number (EIN), and any firm affiliation (Billing Info section). Copies of a W-9 must be provided to the Court and any changes to the SSN after the first login must be made through the court;
- add a time period in which you will be out of the office (Holding Period section); and
- document any CLE attendance.

Click the My Profile link from either the Home page or the Help menu bar to open the My Profile page.





Changing My Profile Username and Password



In the **Login Info** section, click **Edit** to change your password.

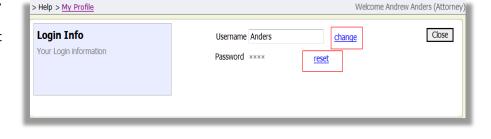




To change your user name, type the new user name and click the **change** link. It will show "The Username has been changed."



To reset your password, click the <u>reset</u> link.



Step 4 Enter the new password and reenter it in the **Confirm** field.

> Help > My Profile

Your Login information



Click **Reset** to save.



Click **Close** to exit the **Login Info** section.



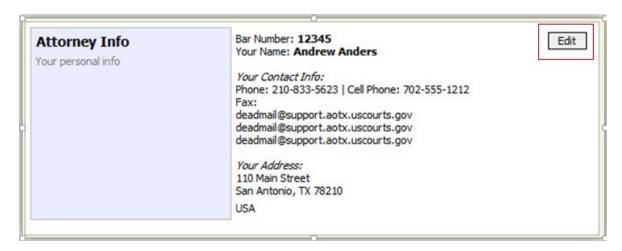
reset

Password ****

Attorney Info



In the Attorney Info section, click Edit to access your personal information.

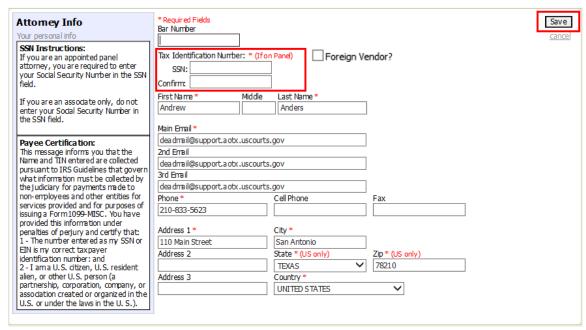


Step 2

Make any necessary changes.

Step 3

Click Save.



Note:

- Each attorney (except associates) must enter his or her SSN into the user profile or they will not be paid.
- The **Country** field will automatically populate **UNITED STATES** unless otherwise indicated.
- If you are a foreign vendor, select that checkbox and enter in appropriate information.
- You may list as many as three email addresses. Notifications from eVoucher will be sent to all email addresses.

Billing Info



Under the **Billing Info** section, click **Add** if no billing information is available.



Step 2 Click **Edit** if you wish to change the information already entered.

Note:

- You must have billing information entered before any payments can be made.
- The SSN/EIN is used when reporting income to the IRS.
- You may select the **Copy Address from Profile** check box if your billing address is the same as your **Attorney Info** address.

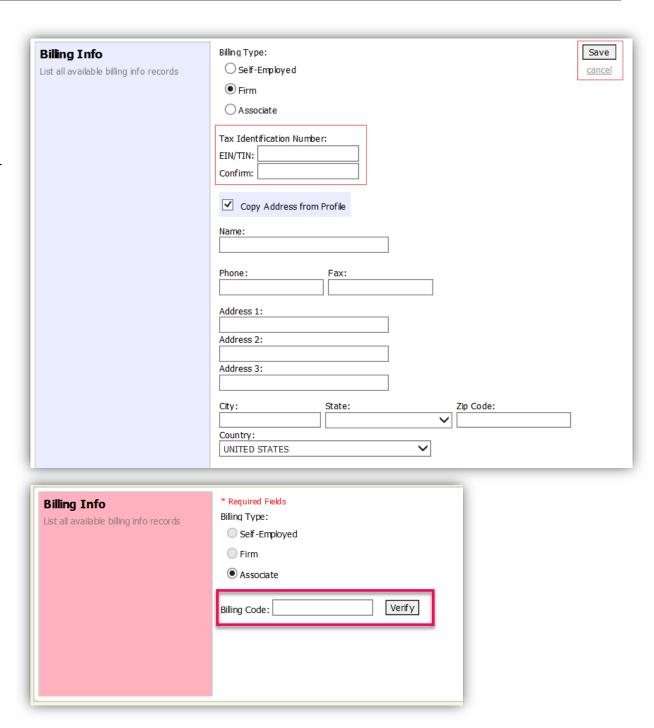


Make any necessary changes and click **Save**.



Step 4

If applicable, add billing information for a firm or an associate by clicking the corresponding radio button.

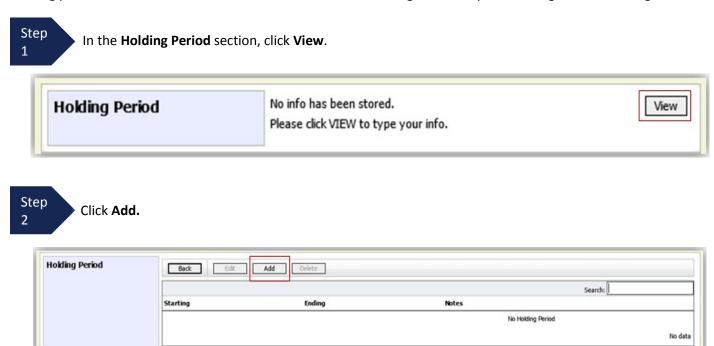


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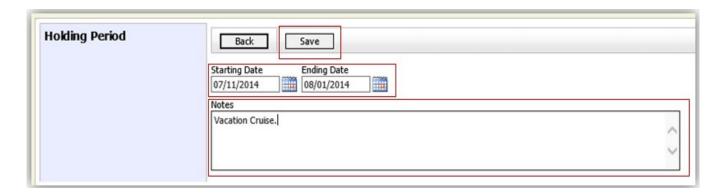
- Attorneys with preexisting agreements must enter the firm's EIN and name.
- Associates do not need to enter a SSN. When you click the Associate radio button for the billing type, no information is required in the Billing Code field. Once you save, the screen displays Associate-No Billing Info.
- See the Associates Functionality document to learn more about creating vouchers as an associate.

Holding Period

Holding periods can be used for medical leave, vacation, etc. During this time, you are not given a new assignment.



Step In the corresponding fields, enter the starting date and ending date, along with any applicable notes.

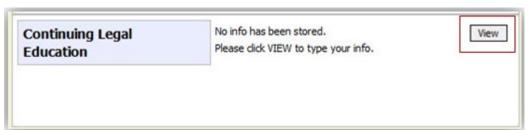




Continuing Legal Education

Step 1

In the **Continuing Legal Education** section, click **View** to access your CLE information.



Step 2

To add CLE information, click **Add**.

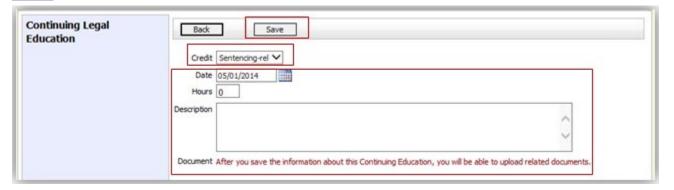


Step 3

Click the **Credit** drop-down arrow to select CLE categories.

Step 4

In the corresponding fields, enter the date, the number of hours, and a description. Click Save.



Note: After you save information, you can upload related PDF documents.

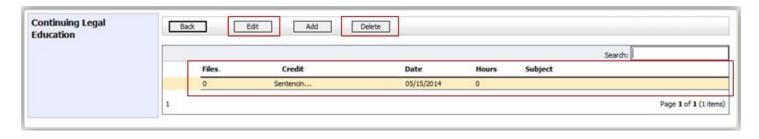
Continuing Legal Education (cont'd)

Step 5

Click **Browse** to upload and attach a PDF document. Click **Save**.



All entries appear in the grid and can be accessed, edited, or deleted by selecting the entry and clicking an action button.

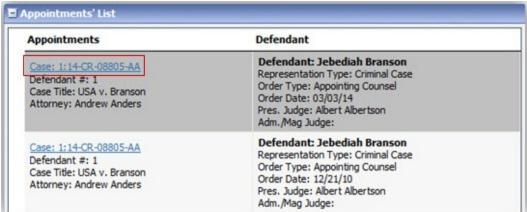


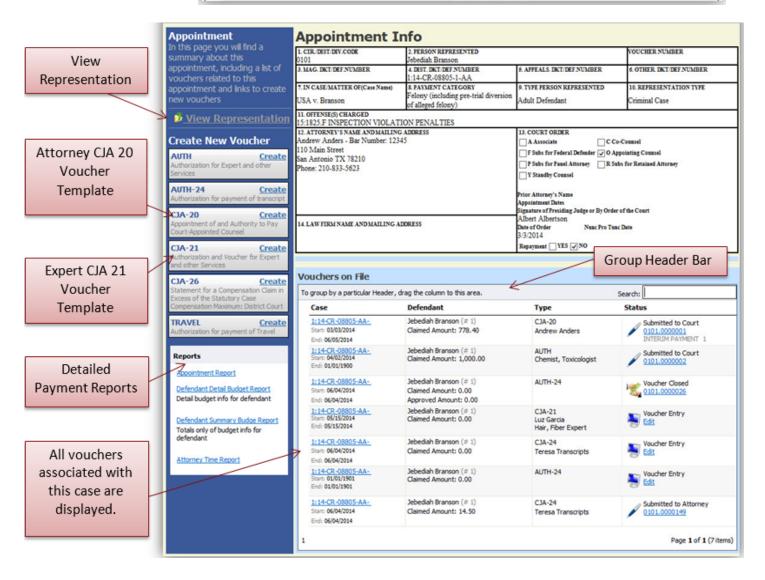
Appointments' List

On your home page, locate the Appointments column in the Appointments' List section.



Click the case number hyperlink to open the **Appointments** page.





View Representation

Clicking the View Representation hyperlink displays the following information:

- default excess fee limit;
- Presiding Judge;
- Magistrate Judge;
- co-counsel; and
- previous counsel

Step 2 In the **Appointment** section, click the **View Representation** hyperlink.



Step 3

Click **Home** on the menu bar at the top of the page.



CJA-20 Voucher Process Overview

Attorney enters time/expenses and submits voucher.

Court CJA Unit audits the voucher.

Court approves or rejects the voucher.

Court processes the voucher for payment.

Creating the CJA-20 Voucher (Payment Voucher for Attorneys)

The Court creates the appointment. The attorney initiates the CJA-20 Voucher.

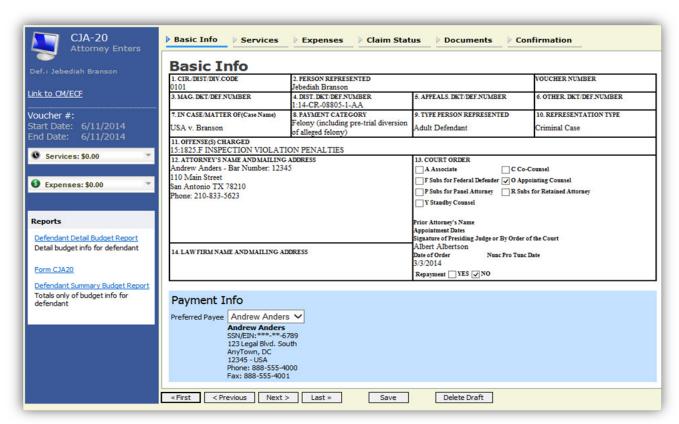
Note:

All voucher types and documents function primarily the same.

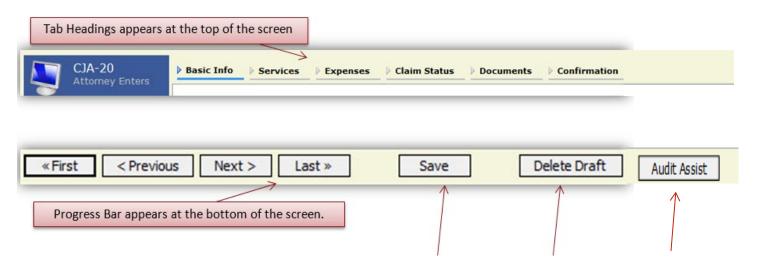
From the **Appointment** section, click **Create** from the CJA-20 Voucher template.



The voucher opens the **Basic Info** page, which displays the information in the paper voucher format.



Creating the CJA-20 Voucher (cont'd)



Notes:

- To avoid data loss, frequently save any entries made to a voucher.
- To delete the voucher, click **Delete Draft** at any time prior to submitting the voucher.
- To check for warnings or errors in the document, click **Audit Assist** at any time.
- To navigate, use the tab headings or progress bar.

Entering Services

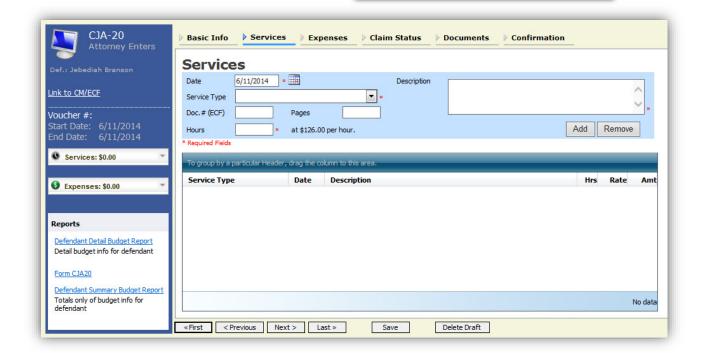
Line-item time entries should be entered on the **Services** tab. Both in-court and out-of-court time should be recorded on this screen.



Click the **Services** tab or click **Next**, located on the progress bar.

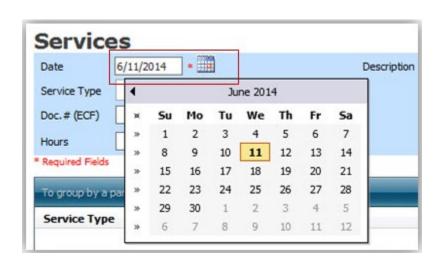
Note:

There is **NOT AN AUTOSAVE** function on this program. You must click **Save** periodically to save your work.





Enter the date of the service. The default date is always the current date. You may type the date or click the **calendar** icon to select a date from the pop-up calendar.



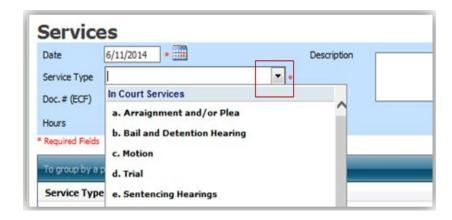
Entering Services (cont'd)



Click the **Service Type** drop-down
arrow and select the
service type.

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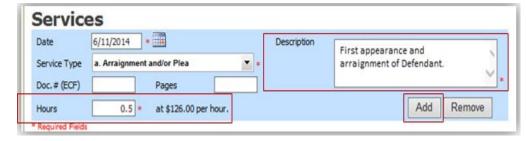
You may add dates in any order. You can sort in chronological order at any time.







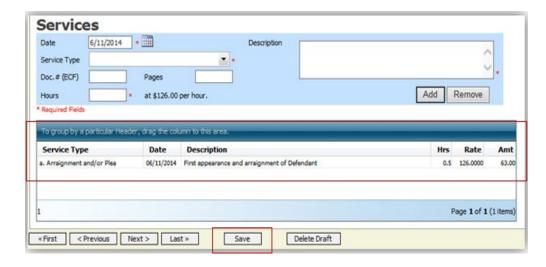




Note:

- You may add time in any order.
- Click an entry to edit.

The entry will be added to the voucher and appear at the bottom of the **Service Type** section.





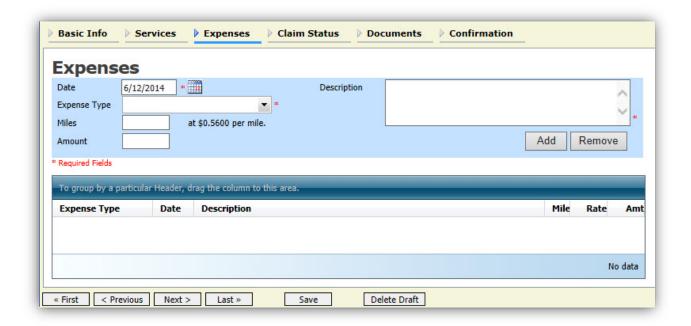
Click the **Date** header. This sorts services according to date.



Click Save.

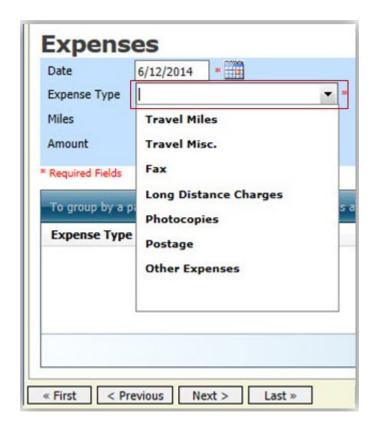
Entering Expenses

Step 1 Click the **Expenses** tab or click **Next**.



Step 2

Click the **Expense Type** drop-down arrow and select the applicable expense.



Entering Expenses (cont'd)

Step 3

If **Travel Miles** is selected, enter the round-trip mileage.

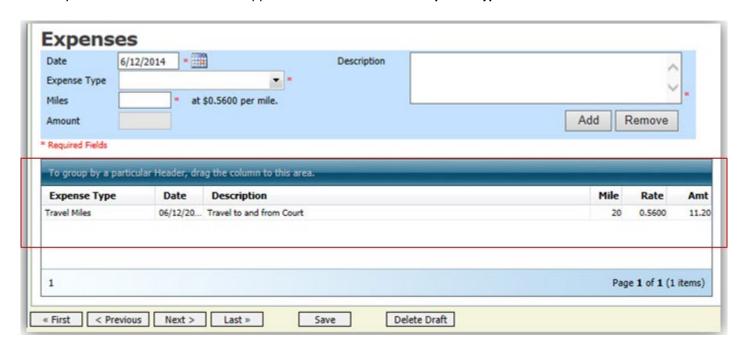
Step 4

Enter a description in the **Description** field.





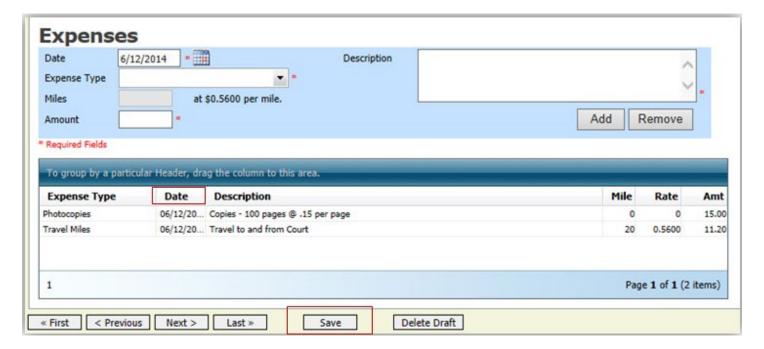
The entry is added to the voucher and appears at the bottom of the **Expense Type** section.



Entering Expenses (cont'd)

Notes:

- If you choose photocopies or fax expenses, indicate the number of pages, and the rate charged per page.
- Remember to click **Add** after each entry.
- Click an entry to edit.



Step 6

Click the **Date** column header. This sorts expenses according to date.



Click Save.

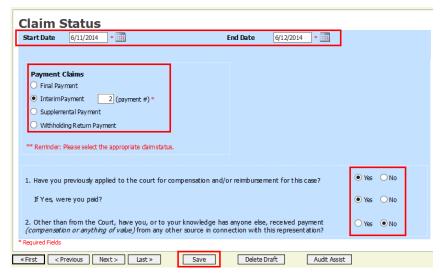
Claim Status



Click the Claim Status tab or click Next located on the progress bar.



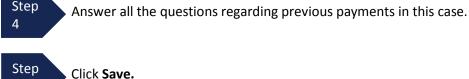
Enter the start date from the services or expenses entries, whichever date is earliest. If need be, go back to the **Expense** and **Service** sections, and click the **Date** header to sort showing the earliest date of services.



Step 3

The **Payment Claims** section features the following payment claims type radio buttons:

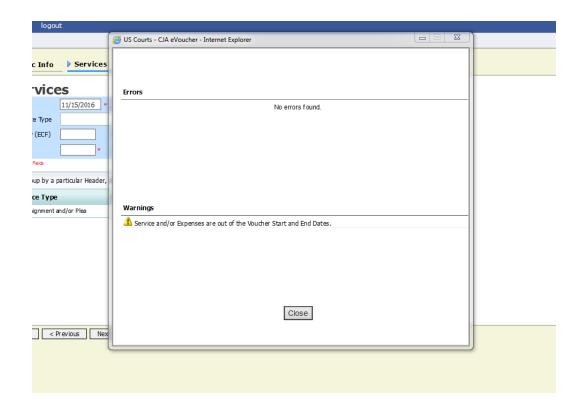
- **Final Payment** is requested after all services have been completed.
- Interim Payment allows for payment in segments. A motion must be filed requesting permission to submit interim payments. Payments cannot be filed until the Judge issues an order granting approval to the motion. The Court withholds 20% of each interim payment. Each interim voucher must be assigned a number by the attorney and that information is required by the program to identify the number of this payment request.
- The attorney must submit a blank (no services or expenses) CJA-20 at the end of the case, by clicking the Withholding Return Payment radio button to request return payment of withheld funds.
- After the final payment has been submitted, Supplemental Payment may be requested due to a missed or forgotten receipt.



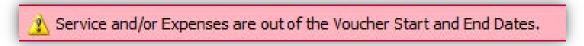
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Click Save.

At any point while creating services or expense, click **Audit Assist** to view any errors or warnings regarding your document.



If you try to submit with errors, you may receive the following pink error message:



The message will be removed when you complete the **Claim Status** section with correct start and end dates that include all service and expenses dates for the voucher.

Documents

Attorneys (as well as the Court) may attach documents. Attach any documentation that supports the voucher, i.e., travel or other expense receipts, or orders from the court. All documents must be submitted in PDF format and must be 10 MB or less.

Mandatory Documents

- Order of Appointment
- Order Granting Interim Payment (if applicable)
- Order Granting Extension for Payment (if voucher is submitted after the 45 day deadline)
- Approved CJA-26 (if voucher is in excess).
- Any other documents to support any expense claims

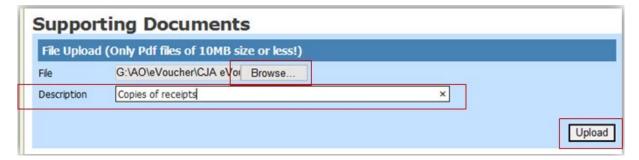


To add an attachment, click **Browse** to locate your file.

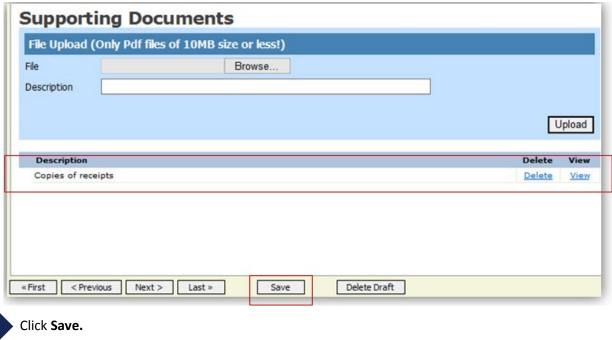
Step 2

Add a description of the attachment.





The attachment and description is added to the voucher and appears in the bottom of the **Description** section.



Step

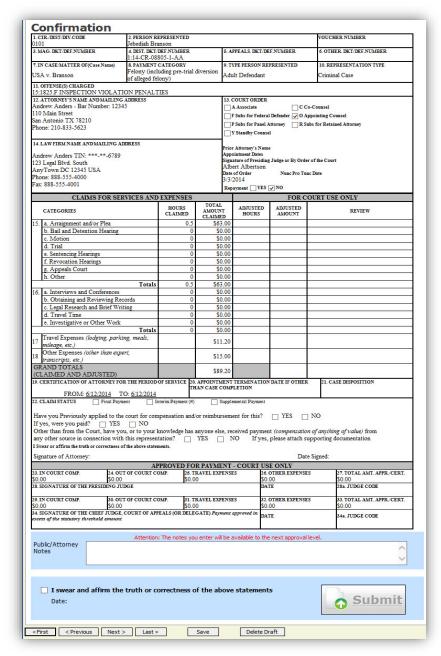
Signing and Submitting to Court

When you have added all voucher entries, you are ready to sign and submit your voucher to the Court.



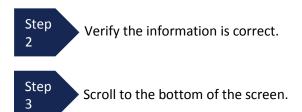
Click the **Confirmation** tab or click **Last** on the progress bar.

The Confirmation screen appears which reflects all entries from the previous screens.



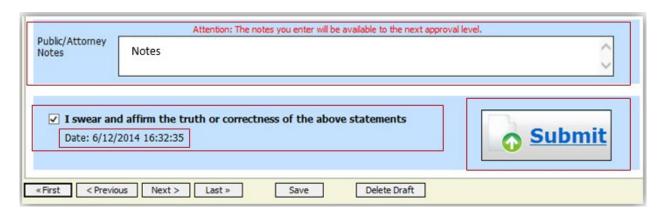
You may include any information to the court in the **Public/Attorney Notes** field.

Signing and Submitting to Court (cont'd)



Step 4

Select the check box to swear and affirm to the accuracy of the voucher. The voucher will automatically be time stamped.



Step 5

Click **Submit** to send to the Court.

A confirmation screen appears, indicating the previous action was successful and the voucher has been submitted for payment.

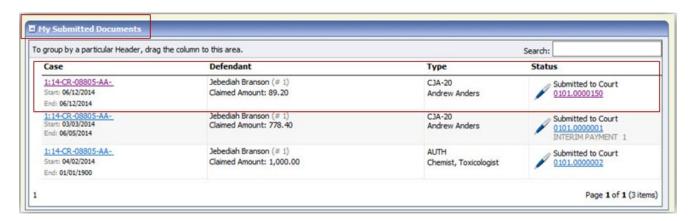


Step 6

Click the **Home Page** hyperlink to return to the home page. Click the **Appointment Page** hyperlink if you wish to create an additional document for this appointment.

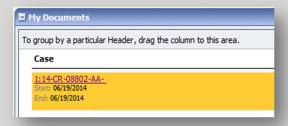
Signing and Submitting to Court (cont'd)

The active voucher is removed from the **My Active Documents** folder and now appears in the **My Submitted Documents** section.



Notes:

When the Court rejects a voucher, it reappears in the My Active Documents section and is highlighted
in gold.



• An email message generated by the system is sent explaining that the voucher has been rejected. Under the Confirmation tab in the Public/ Attorney section is where the attorney will find the explanation of the corrections that are required.

CJA-20 Quick Review Panel

When entering time and expenses in a CJA-20 voucher, the attorney may monitor the voucher totals using the Quick Review Panel on the left side of the screen.

 The Services and Expenses fields tally as entries are entered into the voucher.



• Expand the item by clicking the down arrow (▼) to reveal specifics.



Reports and Case Management

At the start of a case, it may be difficult for counsel or the court to know whether a case has the potential to exceed the statutory maximum allowed for representation.

Therefore, attorneys are encouraged to monitor the status of funds, attorney hours, and expert services, by reviewing the reports provided in the CJA eVoucher program. Items to remember:

- viewable reports appear on the left review panel;
- each panel, depending upon which document you are viewing, can have different reports available;
- each report can have a short description of the information received when viewing that report; and
- the two main reports are the Defendant Detail Budget Report and the Defendant Summary Budget Report.



You can find other accessible reports on the menu bar.



Defendant Detailed Budget Report

This report reflects the total amount authorized for the representation, any excess payment allowed, the vouchers submitted against those authorizations, and the remaining balances.

The report provides the information in two sections: Attorney Appointment and Authorized Expert Service.

Defendant Detail Budget Report - Attorney 1:14-CR-08805-1-AA

Counsel Budget	Defendant: Jebediah Branson						
Type of Representation:	Criminal Case						
Budget Amount Requeste	d: \$0.00						
Budget Amount Approved	±9,900.00						

	Pending				Ар	Amount Remaining					
Time Period For Voucher	Voucher Number	Fees	Expenses		Total	F998	Ехре	nses	Total	After Approved	After Approved
			Travel	Other			Travel	Other			And Pending
Attorney: Andrew Anders (Appointing Counsel) Active											
09/23/2015 to 09/23/2015	0101.0000001	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,350.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,350.00	\$3,550.00	\$3,550.00
01/01/1901 to 01/01/1901		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,550.00	\$3,550.00
01/01/1901 to 01/01/1901		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,550.00	\$3,550.00
			Total Pending:		\$0.00		Total Approved:		\$6,350.00	\$3,550.00	\$3,550.00

Expert and Other Services Budget - Requiring Authorization Defendant Jebedlah Branson										
Time Period For Voucher	Voucher Number		Pending			Approved	Amount Remaining			
		Fees	Expenses Travel Other	Total	Fee8	Expenses Travel Other	Total	After Approved	After Approved	
Authorization Number: 0101.0000002 Specialty: Chemist, Toxicologist		Amoun	t Requested: \$1,000.00	Amoun	t Authorized:		And Pending Attorney: Andrew Anders			

Grand Totals for the Representation Defendant: Jebediah Branson											
NOTE: The Grand Totals Include Counsel CJA20 or CJA30		Pen	ding		Approved				Combined Total		
vouchers as well as vouchers for	Fees	Expenses		Total	Fees	Expenses		Total	Approved and Pending		
Expert or Services on CJA21 or CJA31. They represent the total submitted expenditures for this representation. *Does not include Travel Auth		Travel	Other			Travel	Other		Fees	Fees and Expenses	
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,350.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,350.00	\$6,350.00	\$6,350.00	

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Defendant Summary Budget Report

This report contains the same information as the Defendant Detailed Budget Report without the individual voucher data.

Defendant Summary Budget Report - Attorney 1:14-CR-08805-1-AA

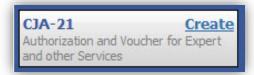
					.14-010-0							
Counsel Budget	Defendant:	Jebedial	Branso	n								
Type of Representation:	Criminal	Case										
Budget Amount Requeste	d: \$0.00											
Budget Amount Approved	1: \$9,900.00											
			Per	iding			1	Approved		Amount Remaining		
Time Period For Voucher	Voucher Number	Fees	Expenses		Total	Fees	Expenses		Total	After Approved	After Approved	
			Travel	Other			Travel	Other			And Pending	
Attorney: Andrew Anders	(Appointing C	ounsel)			Active							
			To	tal Pending:	\$0.0	00	T	otal Approved:	\$6,350.00	\$3,550.00	\$3,550.00	
											,	
Expert and Other Ser	rvices Budget	t - Requirin	g Authoriz	ation						Defendant	: Jebediah Branson	
			Pending					Amount Remaining				
Time Period For Voucher	Voucher Number	Fees	Expenses		Total	Fees	Ex	penses	Total	After Approved	After Approved	
			Travel	Other			Travel	Other			And Pending	
	Authorization Number: 0101.0000002 Specialty: Chemist, Toxicologist Amount Requested: \$1,0						11,000.00 Amount Authorized: \$0.00					
Grand Totals for the F	Representatio	n								Defendant: .	lebediah Branson	
NOTE: The Grand Totals Include Counsel CJA20 or CJA30			Pending			Approved				Combined Total		
vouchers as well as vouch		8	Expenses		Total	Fees	Expenses		Total	Approved and	Pending	
Expert or Services on CJA2 CJA31. They represent the submitted expenditures for	total	Tra	vel Of	ther			Travel	Other		Fees	Fees and Expenses	
representation. *Does not include Travel A	uth	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,350.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,350.00	\$6,350.00	\$6,350.00	

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Creating a CJA-21 Voucher (Payment Voucher for Expert and other Services)



From the **Appointment** page, click **Create** from the CJA-21 Voucher template.

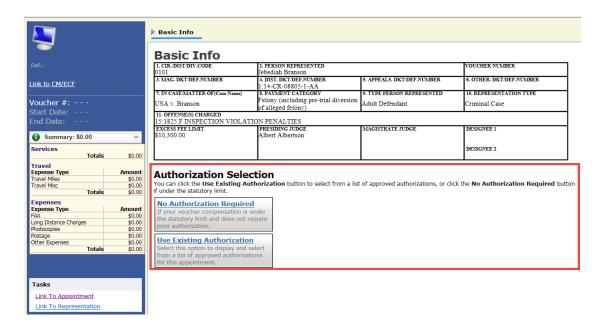


The voucher opens the **Basic Info** page.

Note:

There is **NOT AN AUTOSAVE** function on this program. You must click **Save** periodically to save your work.

When submitting a CJA-21 Voucher, you have two options from which to choose under the **Authorization Selection** section.



Step 2 If the request does not require advance authorization, click No Authorization Required. No authorization is needed if the voucher compensation is under \$800.

If you have a previously approved authorization, click **Use Existing Authorization**.

No Authorization Required

If your voucher compensation is under the statutory limit and does not require prior authorization.

Use Existing Authorization

Select this option to display and select from a list of approved authorizations for this appointment.

If you click **Use Existing Authorization**, an **Associated Authorization** list appears.



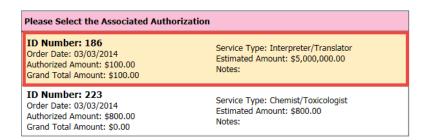
Select the authorization you wish to use. It will turn beige when selected. **You cannot continue until it is highlighted.**



The service type automatically fills in based on the authorization selected. If no authorization is being used, click the **Service Type** drop-down arrow and select the service type.



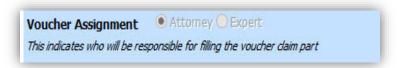
Enter a description of the service to be provided in the **Description** field.



New Voucher Information Service Type Interpreter/Translator Description Attorney O Expert Voucher Assignment This indicates who will be responsible for filling the voucher claim part Service Provider You can search one of the service providers already in the system OR you can enter the required information for another provider **Expert** Campos, Charlene ✓ Charlene Campos **Expert Info** Details 110 Main Street San Antonio TX 78210 US Phone: 210-477-2344 Create Voucher



From the **Expert** drop-down list, select the expert. Since experts are not authorized to use eVoucher, the Voucher Assignment field will remain locked, indicating that the attorney is responsible for filling in the voucher claim part.



Note:

Only experts registered with the service type selected appear in the drop-down list. If the expert is not listed in the drop-down list, please submit an AO-213 and W-9 to Financial Services @ finance@vid.uscourts.gov, so they can be added to eVoucher.



Click Create Voucher.

Notes:

- If all information is not entered, you cannot advance to the next screen.
- CJA 21 vouchers require two steps: submission and approval. Since experts are not authorized to use eVoucher, the panel attorney has to submit and approve the voucher, once on behalf of the expert, and another for himself/herself.
- The attorney must file the voucher on behalf of the expert. The voucher appears in the <u>My Active</u>
 <u>Documents</u> section as submitted to attorney. You will perform the second level of approval/submission by clicking the voucher, navigating to the <u>Confirmation</u> page, and approving the voucher. The voucher then moves to the <u>My Submitted Documents</u> section.
- The attorney will then perform the second level of approval/submission by clicking on the voucher, navigating to the <u>Confirmation</u> page and approving the voucher. The voucher will move to the attorney's **My Submitted Documents folder**.

Confirmation

Add Remove

Creating a CJA-21 Voucher (cont'd)

After Create Voucher has been selected, proceed by following the steps mentioned previously for adding services, expenses, claim status, and documents on the CJA-20 voucher.

Services

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Expenses

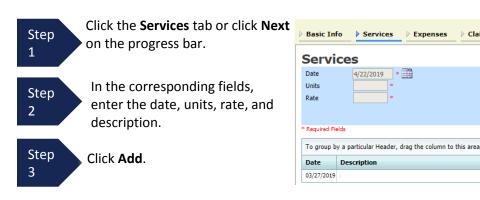
Claim Status

Description

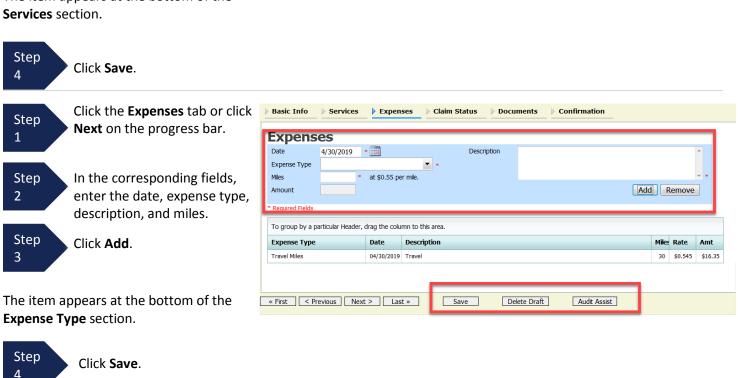
Documents

Basic Info

Required Fields



The item appears at the bottom of the



Note:

At any point, click **Audit Assist** and the system will search for any warnings or errors.



Click the **Claim Status** tab or click **Next**.



Enter the start and end dates, making sure to select the earliest date of services and expenses as the start date.



Select an option in the **Payment Claims** section.

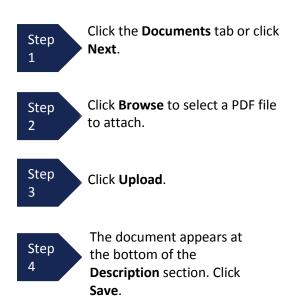


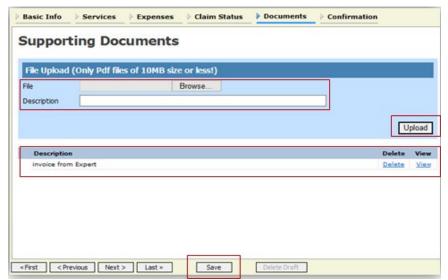
Click Save.



Note:

- Final payment is requested after all services have been completed.
- Interim payment allows for payment in segments. If using this type of payment, indicate the number of this request payment.
- After final payment number has been submitted, <u>supplemental payment may be requested due to a missed or</u> forgotten receipt.
- At the end of the case, to request return payment of withheld funds, click Withholding Return Payment on a blank CJA-21.





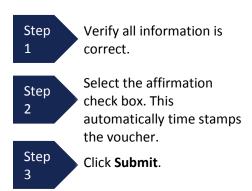
Note:

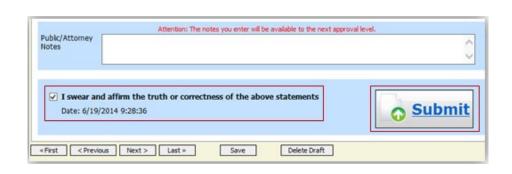
All documents must be submitted in PDF format and must be 10 MB or less.

Mandatory Documents:

- **Order of Appointment**
- **Order Approving Expert (if applicable)**
- **Order Granting Interim Payment (if applicable)**
- **Itemized Invoice for Expert Services**
- Itemized receipts for expenses in excess of \$50
- Any other documents to support any expense claims

A confirmation page appears.





A confirmation screen appears indicating the previous action was successful and the voucher has been submitted.



Click **Home Page** to return to the home page. Click **Appointment Page** if you wish to create an additional document for this appointment.



The case file appears in the **My Active Documents** section.





Navigate to the **Confirmation** tab.





Submitting an Authorization Request for Expert Services



Open the **Appointment** record.



Click the Create hyperlink next to AUTH.



Step 3

Next, click the **Create New Authorization** hyperlink.



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New Feature (Click on this button if you would like to request additional funds for an approved AUTH).

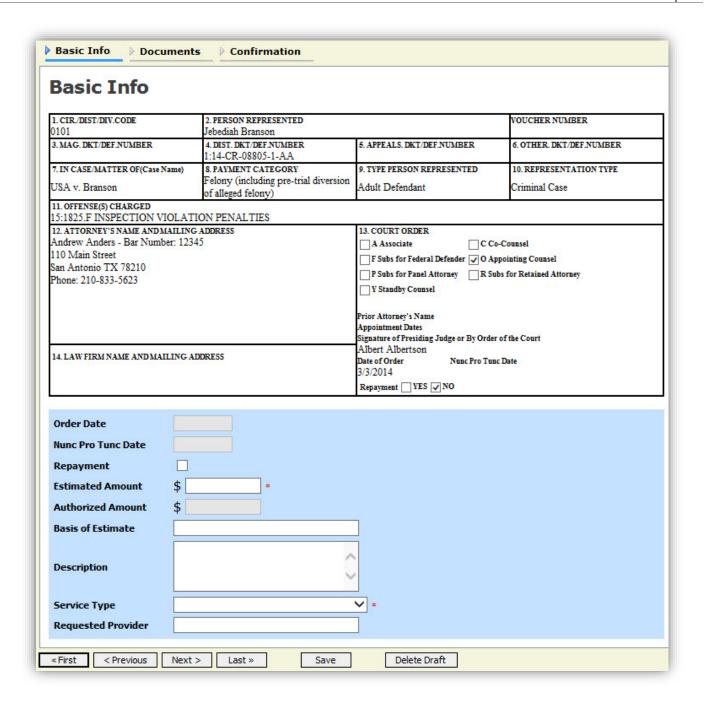
The **Basic Info** screen will open.

Note:

There is **NOT AN AUTOSAVE** function on this program. You must click **Save** periodically to save your work.

Case Compensations for Investigative, Expert and Other Services

- < \$800 No approval from the Court
- \$801 \$2500 Prior approval from the Court is required
- > \$2500 Prior approval from the Court and the Chief Judge of the Third Circuit is required

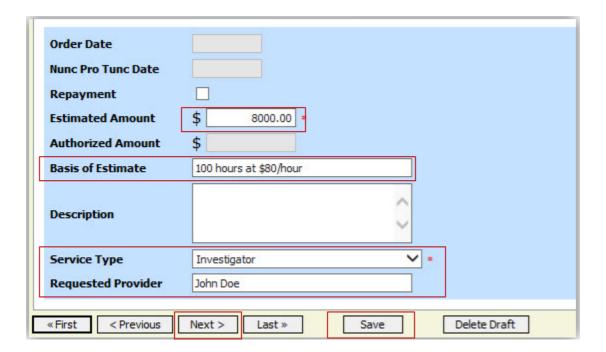


Submitting an Authorization Request for Expert Services (cont'd)



Complete the information in the blue section at the bottom of the screen. This includes the following fields:

- Estimated Amount
- Basis of Estimate
- Service Type drop-down list
- Request Provider drop-down list





Click Save.



Click the **Supporting Documents** tab or click **Next** on the progress bar.

Submitting an Authorization Request for Expert Services (cont'd)



To add the attachment, click **Browse** to locate your file.

Note:

Documents are limited to PDF files, and must be 10 MB or less.



In the **Description** field, add a description of the attachment.

Step 3

Click Upload.



The attachment and description will be uploaded and appear at the bottom of the **Description** section.



Mandatory Documents

- Order of Appointment
- Any documents supporting request



Click Save.

Submitting an Authorization Request for Expert Services (cont'd)



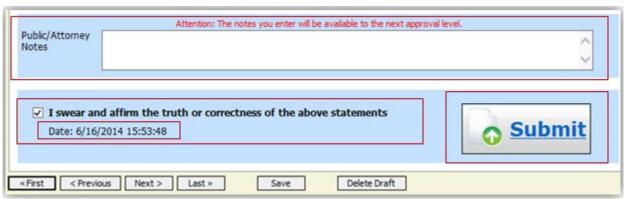
The **Confirmation** screen will open.



Select the check box to swear and affirm to the accuracy of the authorization. The authorization will automatically be time stamped.

Note:

You may include any notes to the Court in the Public/Attorney Notes section.



Step 7

Click **Submit** to send to the court.

A confirmation screen will appear indicating the previous action was successful and the Authorization Request has been submitted.



Step 8

Click **Home Page** to return to the home page. Click **Appointment Page** if you wish to create an additional document for this appointment.

The Authorization Request will now appear in the My Submitted Documents section on the Attorney home page.

Creating an Authorizations for Transcripts (AUTH-24)



From the **Appointment** page, click the **Create** hyperlink next to AUTH-24.

AUTH-24 Create
Authorization for payment of transcript

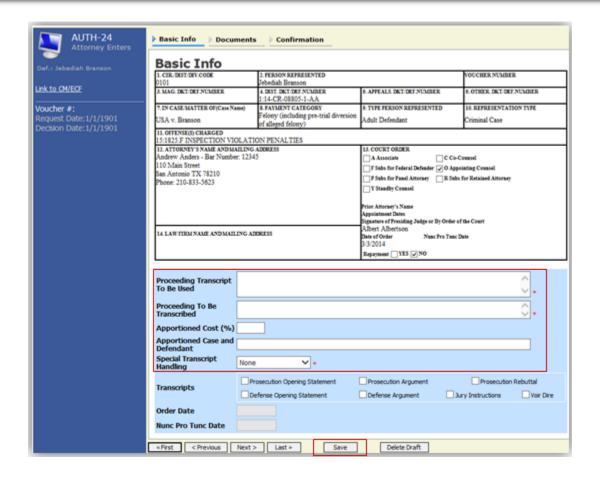
The Authorization opens to the **Basic Info** page. Select **No Authorization Required** hyperlink.

No Authorization Required

If your voucher compensation is under the statutory limit and does not require prior authorization.

Note:

There is **NOT AN AUTOSAVE** function on this program. You must click **Save** periodically to save your work.



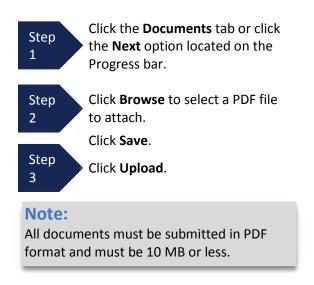
Step 2

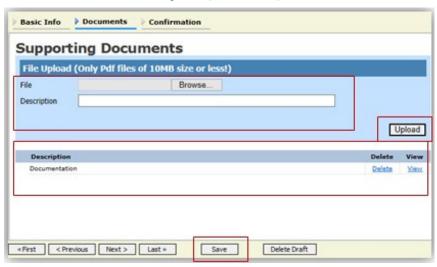
Enter the details for the transcript required on the **Basic Info** screen.



Click Save.

Creating an Authorization for AUTH-24 Transcripts (cont'd)





Mandatory Documents

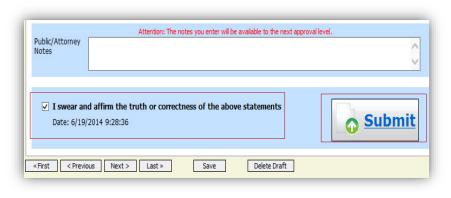
- Order of Appointment
- Any documents supporting request

The Document will appear at the bottom of the **Description** section.



A confirmation page will appear.





A confirmation screen will appear indicating the previous action was successful and the Authorization Request has been submitted.



Click the **Home Page hyperlink** to return to the home page. Click the **Appointment Page** hyperlink if you wish to create an additional document for this appointment.



The AUTH-24 will now appear in the My Submitted Documents section on the Attorney home page.

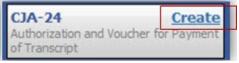
* Please refer to the CJA Felony Appointment Manual for further guidelines on requesting transcripts. *

Creating a CJA-24 Voucher (Payment for Transcript)

After submission and approval of AUTH-24, you can create the CJA-24 voucher for payment. Attorneys are responsible for submitting the CJA-24s. CJA-24 vouchers require two steps: submission and approval. Since court reporters are not authorized to use eVoucher, the panel attorney has to submit and approve the voucher, once on behalf of the court reporter, and another for himself/herself.



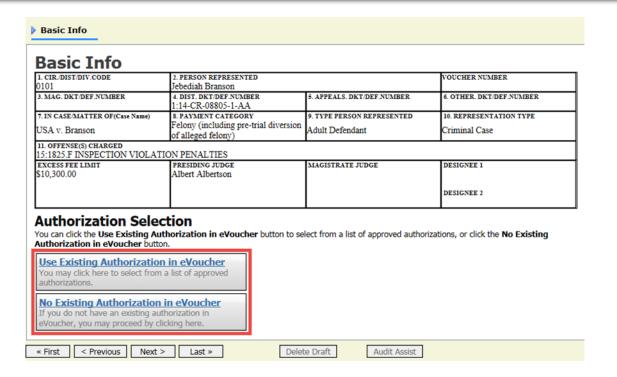
From the **Appointment** page, click the **Create** hyperlink next to CJA-24.



The **Basic Info** page will open, showing approved authorizations.

Note:

There is **NOT AN AUTOSAVE** function on this program. You must click **Save** periodically to save your work.





Select the authorization you wish to use by clicking on it; this will highlight it in yellow. You will not be able to move forward until it is highlighted.



Select the **Voucher Assignment** radio button indicating the attorney will be entering the information for the transcriptionist.

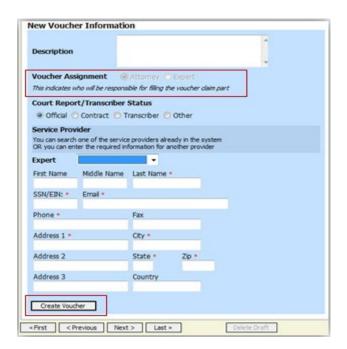


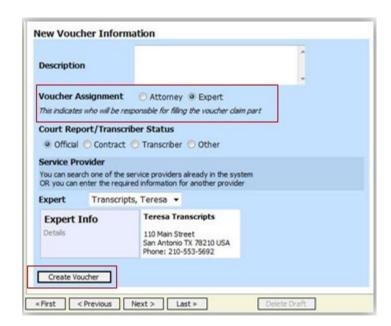
Note:

The attorney will be completing the voucher claim form.



Click the **Expert** drop-down menu and select the transcriptionist.





Note:

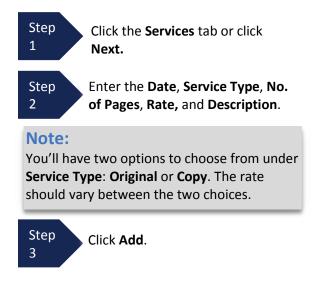
- If entering a new transcriptionist into the system, select a blank drop-down and enter all required information.
- Selecting a transcriptionist already in the system will automatically populate that expert's information.

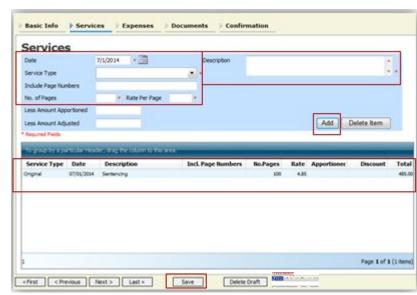
Step 5

Click Create Voucher.

Note:

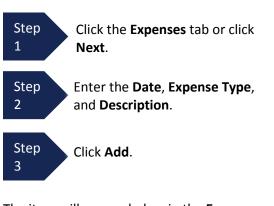
The attorney will fill out the required expense information and then approve it before submitting it to the Court.





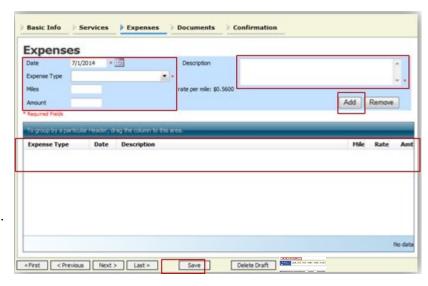
The item will appear in the bottom of the **Service Type** section.

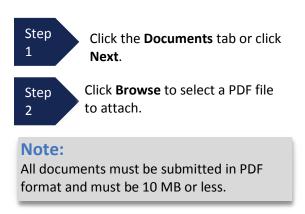


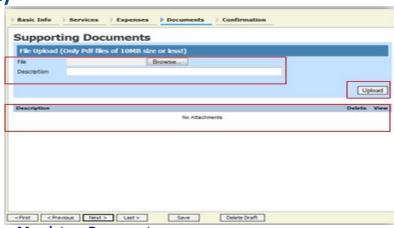


The item will appear below in the **Expense** section.







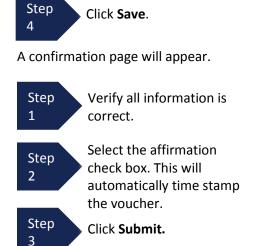


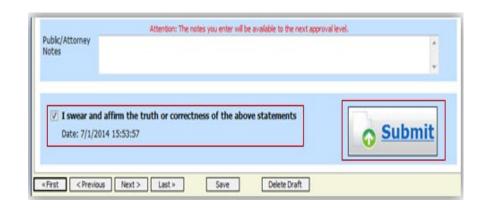
Mandatory Documents

- Order of Appointment
- Any documents to support request.



The document will appear at the bottom of the **Description** section.

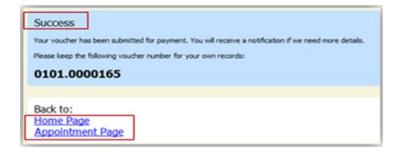




A confirmation screen will appear indicating the previous action was successful, and the voucher has been submitted.



Click **Home Page** to return to the home page. Click **Appointment Page** if you wish to create an additional document for this appointment.



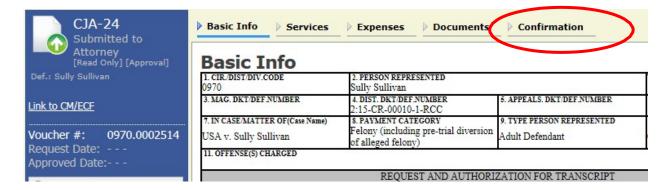


Click the **Home Page** hyperlink to return to the home page. Under **My Active Documents**, the CJA-24 voucher will be there with the status **Submitted to Attorney**.



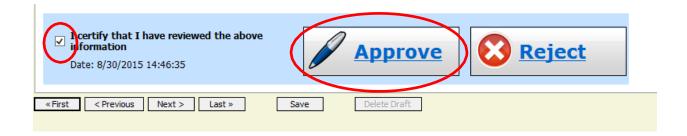
Step 6

Click on the voucher and go to the **Confirmation** tab.

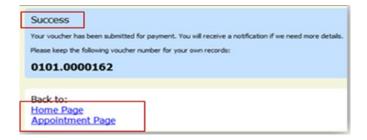


Step 7

Check the box next to "I certify that I have reviewed the above information". Next, click Approve.



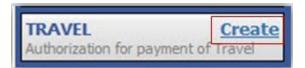
A confirmation screen will appear indicating the previous action was successful and the CJA-24 voucher has been submitted.



Creating an Authorization for Payment of Travel Voucher



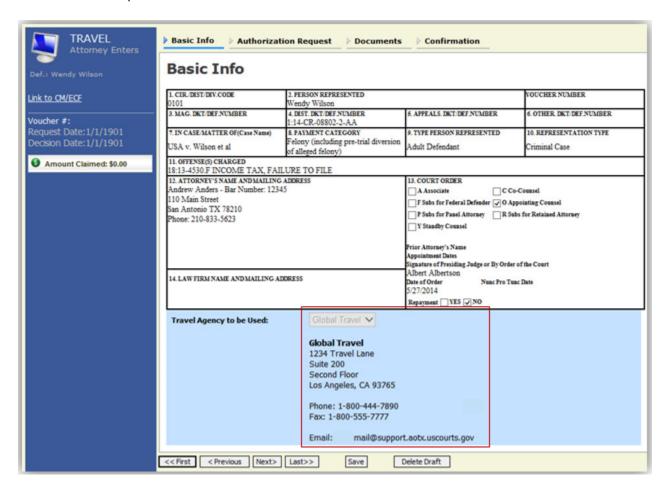
From the **Appointment** page, click the **Create** hyperlink next to TRAVEL.



Note:

There is **NOT AN AUTOSAVE** function on this program. You must click **Save** periodically to save your work.

The Basic Info screen opens.



The **Travel Agency to be Used:** section automatically populates.



Click the Authorization Request tab or click Next.

Creating an Authorization for Payment of Travel Voucher (cont'd)

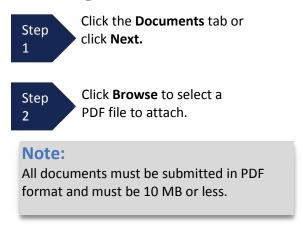


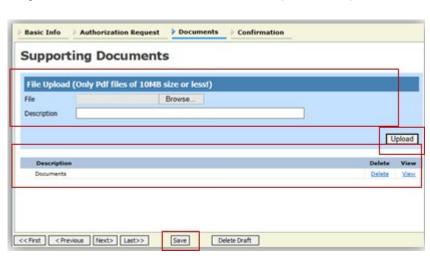
The information will appear in the bottom section.





Creating an Authorization for Payment of Travel Voucher (cont'd)





Mandatory Documents:

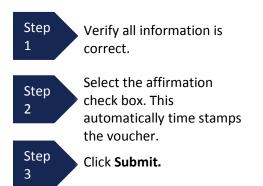
- Order of Appointment
- Any documents to support the request.

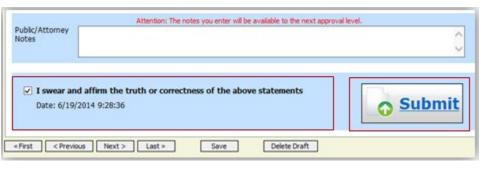


The document appears at the bottom of the **Description** section.



The **Confirmation** tab appears.





A confirmation screen appears, indicating the previous action was successful and the voucher has been submitted.



Click **Home Page** to return to the home page. Click **Appointment Page** if you wish to create an additional document for this appointment.



The travel voucher now appears in the My Submitted Documents section.

Creating a CJA-26 Voucher (Claim for Excess Compensation)

This is a request and justification for expenses outside the statutory limits.



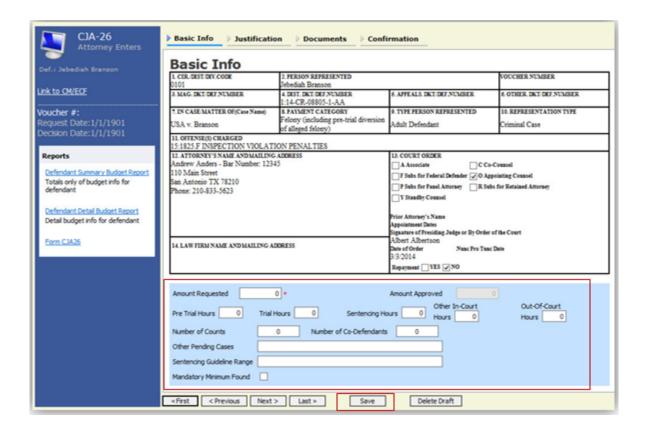
From the **Appointment** page, click the **Create** hyperlink next to CJA-26.



This opens the **Basic Info** page.

Note:

There is **NOT AN AUTOSAVE** function on this program. You must click **Save** periodically to save your work.

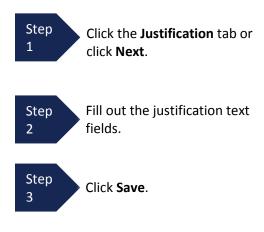


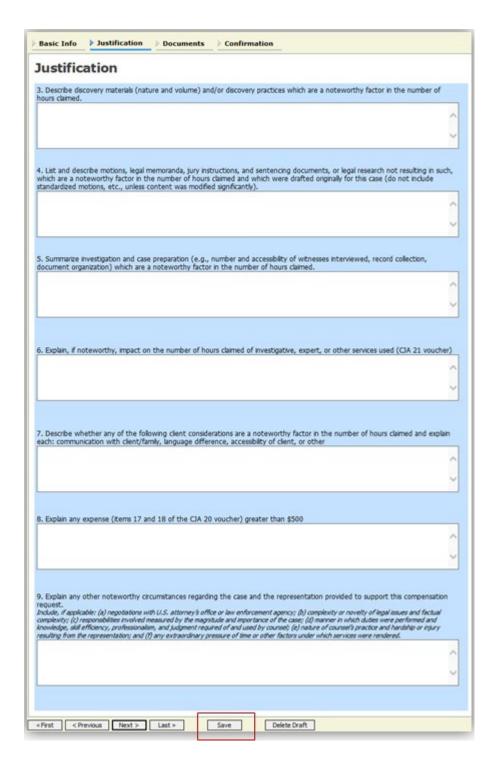
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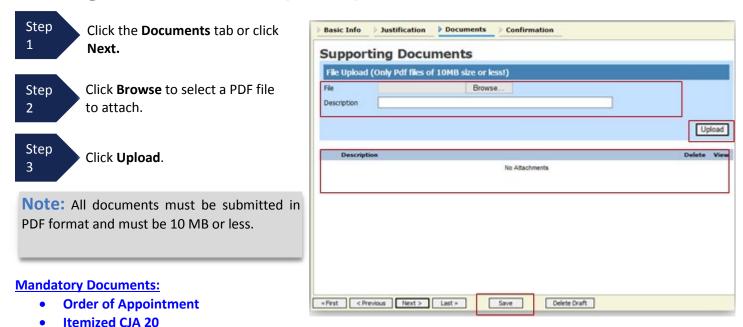
Enter the details for information required on the **Basic Info** screen.

Step 3

Click Save.







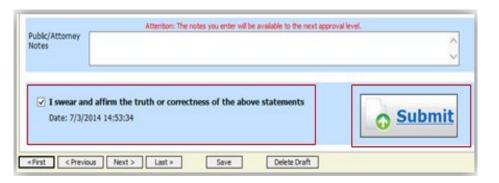
(Enter services and expenses into a CJA 20 voucher. Do not submit. Click on the link- <u>Form 20</u> on the left side of the screen under Reports. Save the document as a PDF and attach to the CJA- 26)

The document appears at the bottom of the **Supporting Documents** section.



A confirmation page appears.

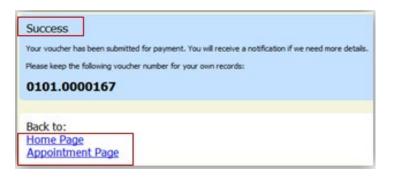




A confirmation screen appears indicating the previous action was successful and the authorization request has been submitted.



Click the **Home Page** hyperlink to return to the home page. Click the **Appointment Page** hyperlink if you wish to create an additional document for this appointment.

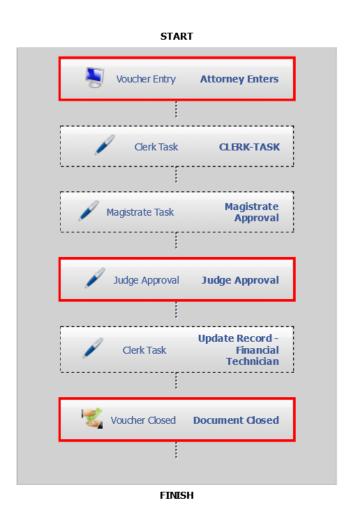


The CJA-26 now appears in the My Submitted Documents section.

Note: After the CJA-26 has been approved, go back into the voucher, click on <u>Form 26</u> on the left side of the screen. This will populate the CJA-26 with the Judge's approval and the approved amount. Save this form as a PDF and attach it to the related CJA-20.

Appendix- Worfkflows

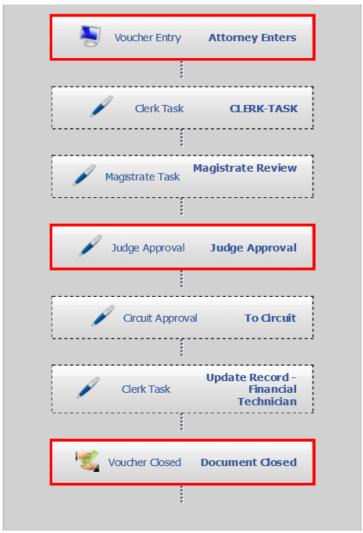
AUTH Workflow



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AUTH-Excess Workflow

START



FINISH

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AUTH-24 Workflow



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CJA-20 Workflow

START

Attorney Enters

Voucher Closed

Voucher Entry

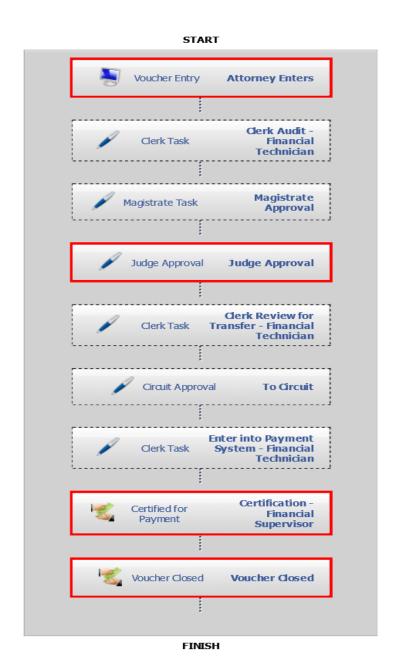


FINISH

Voucher Closed

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CJA-20 Excess Workflow



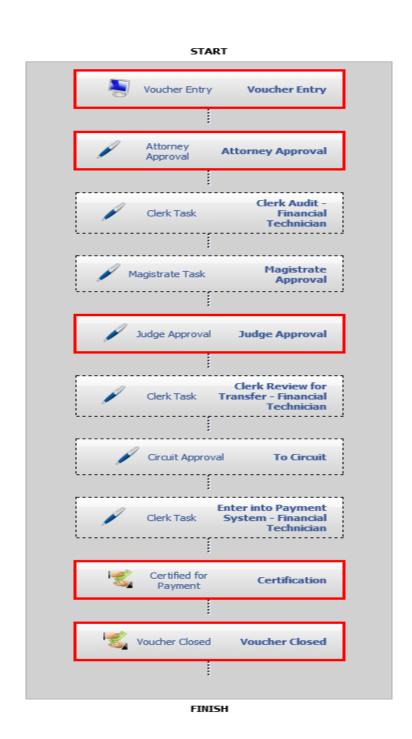
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CJA-21 Workflow



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CJA-21 Excess Workflow



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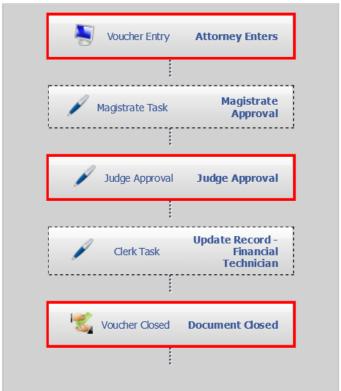
CJA-24 Workflow



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CJA-26 Workflow

START



FINISH

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