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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 \$126 to \$127 for work performed on non-capital cases on or after January 1, 2015. Where the appointment of counsel occurred before January 1, 2015, the new compensation rates will apply to that portion of the services provided on or after January 1, 2015.

Likewise, the panel attorney case compensation maximum amounts have increased by \$100 to \$9,900 and \$7,100, 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, and appeals from those matters. However, the other case maximum amounts of \$2,800 and \$2,100 remain the same.

The new case compensation maximums apply to a voucher submitted by appointed counsel if the attorney furnished any CJA-compensable work on or after January 1, 2015. The former case compensation maximums apply to representation that is completed before January 1, 2015.

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

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