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NOTICE

INCREASES OF CJA HOURLY RATE AND CASE MAXIMUMS

The hourly rate for the Criminal Justice Act (CJA) panel attorney has been increased from \$164 to \$172 for work performed on non-capital cases and from \$210 to \$220 for capital work on or after January 1, 2024. Where the appointment of counsel occurred before January 1, 2024, the new compensation rates will apply to the portion of services provided on or after January 1, 2024.

Due to the increase in the non-capital hourly rate, the waivable case compensation maximum amounts for non-capital representations, excluding expenses, have increased to:

- \$13,400 (previously \$12,800);
- \$ 9,600 (previously \$9,100);
- \$ 3,800 (previously \$3,600); and
- \$ 2,900 (previously \$2,700).

The new case compensation maximums apply to a voucher submitted by appointed counsel if that person furnished any CJA-compensable work on or after January 1, 2024. The former case compensation maximums apply to a voucher submitted by appointed counsel if that person's CJA-compensable work on the representation was completed before January 1, 2024.

The waivable case compensation maximum amount with prior authorization is \$3,000 (previously \$2,800) for investigative, expert or other services. The \$3,000 maximum, which excludes expenses, applies to each individual service provider in a non-capital representation. The new waivable case compensation maximum amount, without prior authorization, is \$1,000 (previously \$900).

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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