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INCREASES OF CJA HOURLY RATE AND CASE MAXIMUMS

The hourly rate for the Criminal Justice Act (CJA) panel attorney has been increased from \$175 to \$177 for work performed on non-capital cases and from \$223 to \$226 for capital work on or after January 1, 2026. Where the appointment of counsel occurred before January 1, 2026, the new compensation rates will apply to the portion of services provided on or after January 1, 2026.

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:

- \$13,800 (previously \$13,600);
- \$ 9,800 (previously \$9,700);
- \$ 3,900 (unchanged); and
- \$ 3,000 (previously \$2,900).

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, 2026. 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, 2026.

The waivable case compensation maximum amount with prior authorization remains at \$3,000 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 waivable case compensation maximum amount without prior authorization remains at \$1,000.

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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