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## MEMORANDUM

TO: All CJA Panel Attorneys

FROM: Gary Wente, Circuit Executive  
Susan Goldberg, Deputy Circuit Executive

DATE: August 19, 2013

RE: Temporary Emergency CJA Payment Measures

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The Executive Committee of the Judicial Conference of the United States has determined that the impending budget shortfall in the Defender Services account constitutes an emergency requiring immediate action to preserve the indigent criminal defense function and Federal Defender staffing. Subject to the receipt of additional funding or other steps to reduce funding requirements, it will be necessary to:

- reduce, on a temporary, emergency basis, panel attorney payment rates for work performed from September 1, 2013 through September 30, 2014, as follows:
  - ▶ non-capital cases: \$110/hour
  - ▶ capital cases: \$163/hour
- defer CJA panel attorney payments for several weeks at the end of this fiscal year (FY 2013)
- defer into FY 2015 up to 4 weeks of panel attorney payments otherwise payable in FY 2014.

The timing of the deferred payments has yet to be determined. **Please note that court staff will continue to process all vouchers as usual notwithstanding the foregoing measures.** That is to say, these temporary emergency measures are not cause to delay the submission of CJA vouchers. The court is grateful for your continued public service.