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MEMORANDUM

TO: All CJA Panel Attorneys

FROM: Susan J. Goldberg, Circuit Executive

DATE: January 14, 2016

SUBJECT: Hourly Rate, Case Maximum and Mileage Rate Changes

Effective January 1, 2016, Criminal Justice Act (CJA) panel attorney hourly rates and case compensation maximums for attorneys and service providers have increased, and mileage reimbursement rates have decreased, as provided below.

CJA panel attorney rates for work performed on or after January 1, 2016 have increased to \$129 per hour for non-capital cases and \$183 per hour for capital cases. Where the appointment of counsel occurred before this effective date, the new compensation rates apply to that portion of services provided on or after January 1, 2016.

Additionally, the case compensation maximum for felony, misdemeanor, civil asset forfeiture, and §§ 2254 and 2255 appeals has increased from \$7,100 to \$7,200.¹ The \$2,400 waivable case compensation maximum for investigative, expert or other service providers in non-capital representations has increased to \$2,500 for each service provider. The new case compensation maximums apply if appointed counsel or a service provider furnished any CJA-compensable work on or after January 1, 2016. The former case compensation maximums apply to vouchers submitted on or after January 1, 2016 if all CJA-compensable work on the representation was completed before January 1, 2016.

The reimbursement mileage rate for privately owned automobiles decreased from \$0.575 to \$0.54 per mile for travel performed on or after January 1, 2016.

¹ The case maximum amount of \$2,100 remains the same for supervised release revocation, crack amendment, resentencing and material witness appeals, as well as appeals in "other" representations required or authorized by the Criminal Justice Act.