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MEMORANDUM

TO: All CJA Panel Attorneys

FROM: Susan J. Goldberg, Circuit Executive

DATE: January 4, 2024

SUBJECT: CJA Hourly Rates and Case Maximum Increases

Effective January 1, 2024, the Criminal Justice Act (CJA) panel attorney hourly rates, case compensation maximums for certain appeals, and mileage rate for privately-owned vehicles have increased, as provided below.

The CJA panel attorney rates for work performed on or after January 1, 2024 have increased to \$172 per hour for non-capital cases and to \$220 per hour for capital cases. In 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, 2024.

The case compensation maximum for felony, misdemeanor, civil asset forfeiture, and §§ 2254 and 2255 appeals has increased from \$9,100 to \$9,600. The case compensation maximum for supervised release revocation, crack amendment, resentencing, and material witness appeals, as well as appeals in "other" representations required or authorized by the CJA, has increased from \$2,700 to \$2,900. The new case compensation maximums apply if appointed counsel furnished any CJA-compensable work on or after January 1, 2024. The former case compensation maximums apply to vouchers submitted on or after January 1, 2024 if all CJA-compensable work on the representation was completed before January 1, 2024.

The waivable case compensation maximum amount for investigative, expert, or other services in a non-capital representation, with prior approval, has increased from \$2,800 to \$3,000. The case compensation maximum amount for investigative, expert, or other services in a non-capital representation, without prior approval, increased from \$900 to \$1,000. The new case compensation maximums apply to a voucher submitted by a service provider if that provider furnished any CJA-compensable work in the representation on or after January 1, 2024. The former case compensation amount applies if the provider's work on the representation was completed before January 1, 2024.

The mileage reimbursement rate for travel by privately-owned automobile has increased from \$0.655 per mile to \$0.67 per mile for travel performed on or after January 1, 2024.