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MEMORANDUM

TO: All CJA Panel Attorneys

FROM: Susan J. Goldberg, Circuit Executive

DATE: February 20, 2019

SUBJECT: CJA Hourly Rate and Case Maximum Increases

Effective February 15, 2019, Criminal Justice Act (CJA) panel attorney hourly rates and case compensation maximums have increased as provided below.

CJA panel attorney rates for work performed on or after February 15, 2019 have increased to \$148 per hour for non-capital cases and \$190 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 February 15, 2019.

Additionally, the case compensation maximum for felony, misdemeanor, civil asset forfeiture, and §§ 2254 and 2255 appeals has increased from \$7,800 to \$8,200. 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 \$2,300 to \$2,500. The new case compensation maximums apply if appointed counsel furnished any CJA-compensable work on or after February 15, 2019. The former case compensation maximums apply to vouchers submitted on or after February 15, 2019 if all CJA-compensable work on the representation was completed before February 15, 2019.