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MEMORANDUM

TO: All CJA Panel Attorneys

FROM: Susan J. Goldberg, Circuit Executive

DATE: January 9, 2020

SUBJECT: CJA Hourly Rate and Case Maximum Increases

Effective January 1, 2020, 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 January 1, 2020 have increased to \$152 per hour for non-capital cases and \$195 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, 2020.

Additionally, the case compensation maximum for felony, misdemeanor, civil asset forfeiture, and §§ 2254 and 2255 appeals has increased from \$8,200 to \$8,400. 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, remains at \$2,500. The new case compensation maximums apply if appointed counsel furnished any CJA-compensable work on or after January 1, 2020. The former case compensation maximums apply to vouchers submitted on or after January 1, 2020 if all CJA-compensable work on the representation was completed before January 1, 2020.