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MEMORANDUM

TO: All CJA Panel Attorneys

FROM: Susan J. Goldberg, Circuit Executive

DATE: January 7, 2026

SUBJECT: CJA Hourly Rates and Case Maximum Increases

Effective January 1, 2026, the Criminal Justice Act (CJA) panel attorney hourly rates, case compensation maximum 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, 2026 have increased to \$177 per hour for non-capital cases and to \$226 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, 2026.

The case compensation maximum for felony, misdemeanor, civil asset forfeiture, and §§ 2254 and 2255 appeals has increased from \$9,700 to \$9,800. 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, increased from \$2,900 to \$3,000. The new case compensation maximum applies if appointed counsel furnished any CJA-compensable work on or after January 1, 2026. The former case compensation maximum applies to vouchers submitted on or after January 1, 2026 if all CJA-compensable work on the representation was completed before January 1, 2026.

The mileage reimbursement rate for travel by privately-owned automobile has increased from \$0.700 per mile to \$0.725 per mile for travel performed on or after January 1, 2026.