

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF PUERTO RICO



NOTICE FROM THE CLERK NO. 08-15

**Adjustment of the Criminal Justice Act (CJA) Panel Attorney
Case Compensation Maximum Amounts**

On October 13, 2008, Congress enacted the "Judicial Administration and Technical Amendments Act of 1008," Pub. L. No. 110-406 (the "Act"). The Act amends the CJA to raise the case compensation maximums applicable to CJA Panel Attorneys, and expand the authority of the chief judge of the court of appeals to delegate the approval of excess compensation vouchers of attorneys and investigative, expert, and other services to include senior circuit judges pursuant to the CJA, 18 U.S.C. § 3006A, and the Antiterrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act of 1996 ("AEDPA"), recodified in part in 18 U.S.C. § 3599.

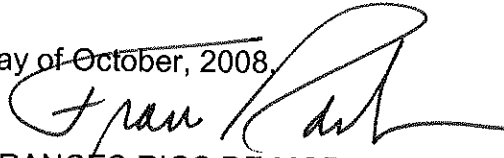
The CJA amendment to the case compensation maximums and the expanded delegation authority of the chief judge of the court of appeals, apply to CJA-compensable work performed on or after October 13, 2008. Where the appointment of counsel occurred before this effective date, the new compensation rates apply to that portion of services provided on or after October 13, 2008. Some of the new compensation rates are summarized as follows:

Case Compensation Maximums for Non-Capital Cases		
If the case is a	the previous case maximum was...	the adjusted compensation maximum is...
Felony	\$7,000	\$7,800
Misdemeanor	\$2,000	\$2,200
Habeas	\$7,000	\$7,800
Appeal	\$5,000	\$5,600
Material Witness	\$1,500	\$1,700
Grand Jury Witness	\$1,500	\$1,700
Supervised Release	\$1,500	\$1,700

For further details as to the full spectrum of the amendments introduced by the Act, please visit the CJA Panel Section of the Court's website at, www.prd.uscourts.gov. If you have any questions concerning this Notice or any other CJA-related matter, please contact CJA Specialist Rebecca Narvaez, at (787)772-3057 or Rebecca.Narvaez@prd.uscourts.gov, or CJA Specialist Marielle Descartes, at (787)772-3035 or Marielle.Descartes@prd.uscourts.gov.

BY ORDER OF THE COURT.

In San Juan, Puerto Rico, this 21st day of October, 2008.


FRANCES RIOS DE MORAN, ESQ.
CLERK OF COURT