

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




To: Members, Criminal Justice Act ("CJA") Panel
District of Puerto Rico

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From: 
Hon. Aida M. Delgado-Colón
U.S. District Court Judge
Chairperson, CJA Committee

Date: June 27, 2025

Subject: Update on Upcoming Interruptions to CJA Voucher Payments

This memorandum serves as a follow-up to the [May 13, 2025, Memorandum](#) regarding the anticipated deferral of Criminal Justice Act (CJA) voucher payments due to Fiscal Year 2025 funding limitations.

As shared in the June 26, 2025, communication from the Chair of the Judicial Conference Committee on Defender Services, the depletion of panel attorney funds may now occur as early as the week of **July 7, 2025**, earlier than the previously estimated date of July 23. The revised estimate is based on an accelerated rate of voucher payments submitted nationwide before the JIFMS system upgrade earlier this year. While it is difficult to predict the precise date, the Court will continue to closely monitor developments and act accordingly.

Please rest assured that the United States District Court for the District of Puerto Rico continues to process and upload all submitted vouchers so that they are placed in "*For Processing of Payment*" status and ready for disbursement as soon as funds become available. Any vouchers pending payment once Fiscal Year 2025 funds are exhausted will be paid when new funding become available in fiscal year 2026.

We remain committed to ensuring the timely compensation of CJA panel attorneys and service providers and recognize the essential role you play in upholding the constitutional rights of defendants. Should you have any questions regarding this notice, contact the Clerk's Office CJA section at PRDdb_CJA@prd.uscourts.gov.