

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



NOTICE FROM THE CLERK  
NO. 15-02

**IMPLEMENTATION OF HOURLY RATE AND CASE MAXIMUM INCREASE FOR  
CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACT PANEL OF ATTORNEYS**

The Administrative Office of the United States Courts has announced that the Judiciary's Defender Services account received sufficient fiscal year 2015 funding to increase the Criminal Justice Act (CJA) panel attorney hourly rates from \$126 to \$127 for non-capital work and from \$180 to \$181 for capital work performed on or after January 1, 2015. 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, 2015.

In addition, in accordance with Subparagraph (d)(2) of the CJA, 18 U.S.C. § 3006A, the change in the non-capital hourly rate results in an increase to some of the attorney case compensation maximum amounts. Panel attorney case compensation maximum amounts of \$9,800 and \$7,000 will increase by \$100 to \$9,900 and \$7,100, respectively, and the case maximum amounts of \$2,800 and \$2,100 remain the same.

Please note that the new case compensation maximums apply to a voucher submitted by appointed counsel if that person furnished any CJA-compensable work on or after January 1, 2015. The former case compensation maximums apply to a voucher submitted by appointed counsel if that person's CJA-compensable work on the representation was completed before January 1, 2015.

**BY ORDER OF THE COURT.**

In San Juan, Puerto Rico, this 5th day of January, 2015.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Frances Rios de Moran".

FRANCES RIOS DE MORAN, ESQ.  
CLERK OF COURT