

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



**NOTICE FROM THE CLERK
NO. 17-04**

**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 2017 funding in the "Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2017" to increase the Criminal Justice Act (CJA) panel attorney hourly rates from \$129 to \$132 for non-capital work and from \$183 to \$185 for capital work, performed on or after May 5, 2017. Where the appointment of counsel occurred before this effective date, the new compensation rates apply to that portion of services provided on or after May 5, 2017.

In addition, pursuant to Subparagraph (d)(2) of the CJA, 18 U.S.C. § 3006A, as amended, 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 \$10,000, \$7,200, and \$2,100, excluding expenses, will increase to \$10,300, \$7,300 and \$2,200, respectively. The case compensation maximum amount of \$2,900 remains 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 May 5, 2017. 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 May 5, 2017.

BY ORDER OF THE COURT.

In San Juan, Puerto Rico, this 9th day of May, 2017.

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

FRANCES RIOS DE MORAN, ESQ.
CLERK OF COURT