

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



NOTICE FROM THE CLERK  
NO. 19-02

**HOURLY RATE AND CASE MAXIMUM INCREASES  
FOR CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACT (CJA) PANEL ATTORNEYS**

Effective February 15, 2019, Congress authorized the increase of the capital and non-capital hourly rates for CJA panel attorneys and an adjustment to the attorney case maximum amounts. *See* Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2019 (Pub. L. No. 116-6). The increase of the Criminal Justice Act (CJA) panel attorney hourly rates goes from **\$140 to \$148 for non-capital work and from \$188 to \$190 for capital work**. The new panel attorney hourly rates for non-capital and capital representations apply to services performed **on or after February 15, 2019**. Where the appointment of counsel occurred before February 15, 2019, the new hourly compensation rates apply to that portion of services provided on or after the effective date.

The non-capital rate increase will result in increases to the panel attorney case compensation maximums in non-capital cases. The adjusted panel attorney case compensation maximums are now as follows:

CASE COMPENSATION MAXIMUMS FOR NON-CAPITAL CASES		
If the case is a	Previous case maximum was	New compensation maximum is
FELONY	\$10,900	\$11,500
MISDEMEANOR	\$3,100	\$3,300
APPEAL	\$7,800	\$8,200
Proceedings under 18 U.S.C. §983, 2241, 2254 or 2255, & 28 U.S.C. §1875	\$10,900	\$11,500
Other representation required or authorized by CJA (including, but not limited to probation, supervised release hearing, material witness, grand jury witness)	\$2,300	\$2,500

The case compensation maximums for investigative, expert, or other services were also increased. The case compensation maximum amount **without** prior authorization increased from \$800.00 to **\$900.00**. This limitation applies to the total compensation, excluding expenses, for all

services other than counsel combined, for which prior judicial authorization was not obtained. *See*, Subsection (e) of the CJA, 18 U.S.C. §3006A, as amended. This limitation does not apply to each service provider individually, *See*, Vol. 7A, §310.20.30 of the Guide to Judiciary Policy.

The case compensation maximum amount **with** prior authorization increased from \$2,500.00 to **\$2,600.00**. This maximum amount, which also excludes expenses, applies to each individual service provider in non-capital representations.

The new case compensation maximums apply to a voucher submitted by appointed counsel if that person furnished any CJA-compensable work on or after February 15, 2019. 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 February 15, 2019.

The new hourly rate and case compensation maximums will be updated in eVoucher in the near future through a national update.

For further details on these new CJA hourly rates or case compensation maximums, or any other CJA matter, please visit the CJA Panel Section of the Court's website at [www.prd.uscourts.gov](http://www.prd.uscourts.gov), or contact the CJA Clerk via email at [PRDdb\\_CJA@prd.uscourts.gov](mailto:PRDdb_CJA@prd.uscourts.gov).

In San Juan, Puerto Rico, this 25<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2019.



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