

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



NOTICE FROM THE CLERK NO. 10-01

**Hourly Rate and Case Maximum Increases
for Criminal Justice Act (CJA) Panel Attorneys**

Effective December 16, 2009, Congress authorized the increase of the capital and non-capital hourly rates for CJA panel attorneys, and an adjustment to the attorney case compensation maximum amounts. See, "Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2010" (Pub. L. No. 111-117). As a result, the non-capital hourly panel attorney compensation rate has been increased from \$110 to \$125, and the maximum hourly capital rate has been increased from \$175 to \$178 (for federal capital prosecutions and capital post-conviction proceedings). These rates apply to **work performed on or after January 1, 2010**, by attorneys appointed to represent eligible persons under the CJA, 18 U.S.C. § 3006A, and the Antiterrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act of 1996, codified in part in 18 U.S.C. §3599. 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, 2010.

The adjusted panel attorney case compensation maximums are described in the attachment. Some of the new case compensation maximums are summarized as follows:

| Case Compensation Maximums for Non-Capital Cases | | |
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| If the case is a | the previous case maximum was... | the adjusted compensation maximum is... |
| Felony | \$8,600 | \$9,700 |
| Misdemeanor | \$2,400 | \$2,800 |
| Appeal | \$6,100 | \$6,900 |
| Proceedings under 18 U.S.C. §§ 983, 2241, 2254 or 2255, and 28 U.S.C. §1875 | \$8,600 | \$9,700 |
| Other representation required or authorized by the CJA (including, but not limited to probation, supervised release hearing, material witness, grand jury witness) | \$1,800 | \$2,100 |

For further details, please visit the CJA Panel Section of the Court's website at www.prd.uscourts.gov, or contact CJA Specialists Rebecca Narvaez, at (787)772-3057 or Rebecca_Narvaez@prd.uscourts.gov.

BY ORDER OF THE COURT.

In San Juan, Puerto Rico, this 7th day of January, 2010

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

FRANCES RIOS DE MORAN, ESQ.
CLERK OF COURT