

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



NOTICE FROM THE CLERK  
NO. 18-04

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

Effective March 23, 2018, 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 2018 (Pub. L. No. 115-141). The increase of the Criminal Justice Act (CJA) panel attorney hourly rates goes from **\$132 to \$140 for non-capital work and from \$185 to \$188 for capital work performed on or after March 23, 2018.** The new panel attorney hourly rates of \$140 for non-capital representations and \$188 for capital representations apply to services performed **on or after March 23, 2018.** Where the appointment of counsel occurred before March 23, 2018, 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:

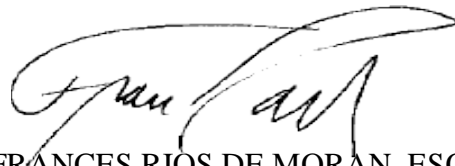
CASE COMPENSATION MAXIMUMS FOR NON-CAPITAL CASES		
If the case is a	Previous case maximum was	New compensation maximum is
FELONY	\$10,300	\$10,900
MISDEMEANOR	\$2,900	\$3,100
APPEAL	\$7,300	\$7,800
Proceedings under 18 U.S.C. §983, 2241, 2254 or 2255, & 28 U.S.C. §1875	\$10,300	\$10,900
Other representation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

The new case compensation maximums apply to a voucher submitted by appointed counsel if that person furnished any CJA-compensable work on or after March 23, 2018. 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 March 23, 2018.

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 27<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2018.

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

FRANCES RIOS DE MORAN, ESQ.  
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