

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



**AMENDED NOTICE FROM THE CLERK  
NO. 21-01**

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

The “Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021” (Pub.L. 116-260), enacted on December 27, 2020, authorized the increase of the non-capital hourly rate for CJA panel attorneys and an adjustment to the attorney case maximum amounts. It also allowed inflationary adjustments to the capital and non-capital Criminal Justice Act (CJA) panel attorney rates, contingent on the President issuing an Executive Order. On January 7, 2021, after we had issued a notice informing the changes to the non-capital CJA rate and case maximums, the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts informed that the President issued the Executive Order which allowed the inflationary adjustments to the CJA rates.

In light of the above, CJA panel attorney hourly rates increased from **\$152 to \$155 for non-capital work and from \$195 to \$197 for capital work**. The new panel attorney hourly rates for non-capital and capital representations apply to services performed **on or after January 1, 2021**. Where the appointment of counsel occurred before January 1, 2021, the new hourly compensation rate applies 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	\$11,800	\$12,100
MISDEMEANOR (No change)	\$3,400	\$3,400
APPEAL	\$8,400	\$8,600
Proceedings under 18 U.S.C. §983 & 28 U.S.C. §1875, 2241, 2254 or 2255	\$11,800	\$12,100
Other representation required or authorized by CJA (including, but not limited to probation, supervised release hearing, material witness, grand jury witness)	\$2,500	\$2,600

The case compensation maximum for investigative, expert, or other services **without** prior authorization remains at **\$900.00**. The case compensation maximum amount **with** prior authorization increased from \$2,600.00 to **\$2,700.00**. 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 or expert if that person furnished any CJA-compensable work on or after January 1, 2021. The former case compensation maximums apply to a voucher submitted by appointed counsel or expert if that person's CJA-compensable work on the representation was completed before January 1, 2021.

The new hourly rates and case compensation maximums will be updated in eVoucher 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 11<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2021.



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