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



NOTICE FROM THE CLERK NO. 23-01

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

Pursuant to an Executive Order issued by President Joseph Biden on December 2022, inflationary adjustments were made to the hourly rates and case compensation maximums under the Criminal Justice Act (CJA), 18 U.S.C. §3006A, as follows.

Effective January 1, 2023, the panel attorney hourly rates increased from \$158 to \$164 for non-capital work and from \$202 to \$210 for capital work. These new hourly rates apply to services performed on or after January 1, 2023. Where the appointment of counsel occurred before January 1, 2023, 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	New compensation
	maximum was	maximum is
FELONY	\$12,300	\$12,800
MISDEMEANOR (No change)	\$3,500	\$3,600
APPEAL	\$8,800	\$9,100
Proceedings under 18 U.S.C. §983 &	\$12,300	\$12,800
28 U.S.C. §1875, 2241, 2254 or 2255		
Other representation required or authorized by	\$2,600	\$2,700
CJA (including, but not limited to probation,	7700	
supervised release hearing, material witness,		
grand jury witness)		

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 \$2,700.00 to \$2,800.00. This maximum amount, which excludes expenses, applies to each individual service provider in non-capital representations.

The new case compensation maximums apply to a voucher submitted by the appointed counsel or expert if that person furnished any CJA-compensable work on or after January 1, 2023. The former case compensation maximums apply to a voucher submitted by the appointed counsel or expert if that person's CJA-compensable work on the representation was completed before January 1, 2023.

The new hourly rates and case compensation maximums were updated in eVoucher through a national update.

For further details on the new CJA hourly rates, case compensation maximums, or any other CJA matter, please visit the CJA Panel Section of the Court's website at www.prd.uscourts.gov, or contact the CJA Clerk via email at PRDdb CJA@prd.uscourts.gov.

In San Juan, Puerto Rico, this 17th day of January, 2023.

AGNES L. FERRER-AUFFANT, ESQ. ACTING CLERK OF COURT

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