

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



**NOTICE FROM THE CLERK NO. 25-02**

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

Pursuant to an Executive Order issued by President Joseph R. Biden on December 2024, 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, 2025, the panel attorney hourly rates increased from **\$172 to \$175 for non-capital work** and **\$220 to \$223 for capital work**. These new rates apply to services performed **on or after January 1, 2025**. Where the appointment of counsel occurred before January 1, 2025, the new hourly compensation rate applies to that portion of services provided on or after the effective date.

The increase in the non-capital rate will increase the compensation maximum for panel attorneys in non-capital cases. The new compensation maximums for panel attorney cases are as follows:

CASE COMPENSATION MAXIMUMS FOR NON-CAPITAL CASES		
If the case is a	Previous maximum was	New compensation maximum is
FELONY	\$13,400	\$13,600
MISDEMEANOR	\$3,800	\$3,900
APPEAL	\$9,600	\$9,700
Proceedings under 18 U.S.C. §983 & 28 U.S.C. §1875, 2241, 2254 or 2255	\$13,400	\$13,600
Other representation required or authorized by CJA (including, but not limited to probation, supervised release hearing, material witness, grand jury witness)	\$2,900	\$2,900

The case compensation maximum for investigative, expert, or other services **without** prior authorization remains at **\$1,000.00**, and the case compensation maximum amount **with** prior authorization remains at **\$3,000.00**.

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

For more information on the new CJA hourly rates, case compensation maximums, or any other CJA-related matters, please visit the CJA Panel Section on 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 2<sup>nd</sup> day of January, 2025.

  
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