Implementation of Increases to Panel Attorney Hourly Rates and Case Compensation Maximums Under the Criminal Justice Act

the new hourly compensation rates apply to that portion of services provided on or after the effective date.

CJA Panel Attorney Case Compensation Maximums (in Non-Capital Cases²)

Because of the increase in the non-capital hourly rate, the waivable case compensation maximum amounts for non-capital representations increase to:³

\$12,300 (previously \$12,100)

\$8,800 (previously \$8,600)

\$3,500 (previously \$3,400)

(The \$2,600 case compensation maximum does not change.)

The new case compensation maximums apply to a voucher submitted by appointed counsel if that person furnished <u>any</u> CJA-compensable work on or after January 1, 2022. 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 January 1, 2022.

eVoucher System Instructions

The new hourly rate and case compensation maximums will be updated in eVoucher and an announcement will be sent to verify the completion of the update. Please call the National Support Desk at (210) 536-5000 with any eVoucher inquiries. If a court's CJA administrator updates the court's service rates or excess fee limits tables before the national update is completed, there will be no negative impact.

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The JNet charts (<u>Current CJA Rates and Case Compensation Maximums</u> and <u>History of CJA Rates</u>) indicate the new and previous hourly rates and case compensation maximums. The charts in the publicly accessible *Guide to Judiciary* Policy, Volume 7A (*CJA Guidelines*) are in the process of being revised.

² There are no case compensation maximums for appointed counsel in capital cases. *See Guide*, Vol. 7A, § 630.10.20 and § 635.

³ The CJA provides that the panel attorney case compensation maximums for non-capital representations rise simultaneously with aggregate percentage increases in the hourly rate, rounded to the nearest \$100, since the case maximums were last amended by Congress. 18 U.S.C. § 3006A(d)(2).