

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

IN RE: CJA PANEL ATTORNEY
INTERIM COMPENSATION

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Misc. No. 2:20-mc-472-MRH

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

On March 31, 2020, this Court entered an Administrative Order that allowed for the submission of interim CJA vouchers for payment of fees and expenses for both attorneys and their service providers in any case, without the necessity of filing a Motion for an Order Allowing Interim Payments, and in response to the COVID-19 outbreak in this District. ECF #1.

On May 1, 2023, this Court provided notice that the authorization for the use of videoconference/teleconference technology for the conduct of enumerated criminal docket proceedings pursuant to the CARES Act, P.L. 116-136, would terminate by operation of law. In re: the Use of Video Conferencing and Teleconferencing in Criminal Proceedings under the "CARES ACT," P.L. 116-136, 2:20-mc-466, ECF #15. The last day for the conduct of enumerated criminal docket proceedings pursuant to the CARES Act was May 10, 2023.

Upon consideration of the Court's May 1, 2023 notice, including specifically the termination by legislation of the relevant Declaration of National Emergency of the President of the United States as to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Administrative Order entered in the above-referenced miscellaneous case number on March 31, 2020 is hereby VACATED.

The following procedures will apply to all CJA vouchers for interim payments submitted on or after the date of this Order.

1. Any attorney requesting interim payments for expenses incurred in connection with a criminal case filed on or after the date of this Order must do so in accordance with the *Guide to Judiciary Policy* (the “*Guide*”), Vol. 7A, §230.73, including all related procedures, guidelines, and protocols, the Standing Order of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit dated August 9, 2016 (the “Third Circuit Order”), and this Court’s *Criminal Justice Act Plan* (the “*CJA Plan*”) and the *Policies and Procedures for Claims Submitted Pursuant to the Criminal Justice Act* (the “*CJA Guidelines*”), both available at <https://www.pawd.uscourts.gov/criminal-justice-act-info>.
2. No later than September 15, 2023, any attorney appointed to appear in a criminal case filed before the date of this Order and in which such counsel was permitted to and has previously filed one or more interim CJA payment vouchers in accordance with the protocols established in the March 31, 2020 Administrative Order may submit a request for *one* additional interim payment for expenses incurred on or before August 18, 2023 in accordance with that Administrative Order.
3. Any request for an interim payment not authorized and covered by Paragraph 2 of this Order must be made in accordance with the *Guide*, the Third Circuit Order, the *CJA Plan*, the *CJA Guidelines*, and any Order entered by the presiding Judge in a specific individual case.

The Court will review and approve all interim vouchers as prescribed by the *Guide*, the Third Circuit Order, the *CJA Plan* and the *CJA Guidelines*.

July 19, 2023



Mark R. Hornak
Chief United States District Judge