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MEMORANDUM

TO: All CJA Panel Attorneys

FROM: Susan J. Goldberg, Circuit Executive

DATE: January 7, 2021

SUBJECT: CJA Hourly Rate and Case Maximum Increases and Mileage Rate Decrease

Effective January 1, 2021, the Criminal Justice Act (CJA) panel attorney hourly rates and case compensation maximums for attorneys and service providers have increased, and the reimbursement mileage rate for privately owned automobiles has decreased, as provided below.

The CJA panel attorney rate for work performed on or after January 1, 2021 has increased to \$155 per hour for non-capital cases and to \$197 per hour for capital cases. In cases where the appointment of counsel occurred before this effective date the new compensation rate applies to that portion of services provided on or after January 1, 2021.

The case compensation maximum for felony, misdemeanor, civil asset forfeiture, and §§ 2254 and 2255 appeals has increased from \$8,400 to \$8,600. The case compensation maximum for supervised release revocation, crack amendment, resentencing, and material witness appeals, as well as appeals in "other" representations required or authorized by the CJA, increased to \$2,600. The \$2,600 waivable case compensation maximum for investigative, expert, or other service providers in non-capital representations has increased to \$2,700 for each service provider. The new case compensation maximums apply if appointed counsel or a service provider furnished any CJA-compensable work on or after January 1, 2021. The former case compensation maximums apply to vouchers submitted on or after January 1, 2021 if all CJA-compensable work on the representation was completed before January 1, 2021.

The mileage reimbursement rate for privately owned automobiles when used for official travel by CJA panel attorneys has decreased from \$0.575 per mile to \$0.56 per mile for travel performed on or after January 1, 2021.