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MEMORANDUM

TO: All Appellate CJA Panel Attorneys

FROM: Gary Wentz, Circuit Executive, Susan Goldberg, Deputy Circuit Executive
Margaret Carter, Clerk

DATE: October 2, 2013

RE: Various CJA Matters

On September 17, 2013, the Office of Defender Services deferred the issuance of Criminal Justice Act (CJA) payments for the last ten (10) days of fiscal year 2013. These panel payments were expected to be paid in full the week of October 1, 2013. Because of the lapse in appropriations, fiscal year 2014 CJA panel attorney payments were suspended effective October 1. The deferred payments from fiscal year 2013 will continue to be deferred as well. Once a continued resolution or final budget is approved by Congress, CJA payments will be made in full in the order in which they were approved.

During this temporary deferral, the Court will continue to appoint CJA panel attorneys, authorize expert and other services, and process vouchers for payment. Payments can only be made once Congress approves a budget or a continued resolution or until further guidance is issued by the Administrative Office. We appreciate your continued dedication and commitment to providing representation to indigent defendants during these challenging times. We will keep you informed of any developments regarding this matter.

We also remind you that the following presumptive maximum rates for partners, associates, contract attorneys, and paralegals took effect on September 30, 2013 for appellate work performed on and after that date:

- ▶ Partners, associates, and contract attorneys: \$80/hour for non-panel members and \$90/hour for panel members;
- ▶ Paralegals: \$35-\$50/hour.

For additional CJA rates applicable in the First Circuit Court of Appeals please see this court's "[6/5/13 Notice re: CJA Billing Practices.](#)"