

CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACT (CJA)

NON-CAPITAL CASE COMPENSATION MAXIMUMS

Current attorney hourly rate: \$158

If attorney hourly compensation (exclusive of expenses) exceeds the below case compensation maximums, Fifth Circuit approval is also required.

Felonies

\$12,300

Misdemeanors

\$3,500

Non-Capital Post-Convictions

18 U.S.C. §§ 2241, 2254 or 2255

\$12,300

Probation/Supervised Release Violation, Grand Jury Witness, Target Letter

\$2,600

- For vouchers needing Fifth Circuit approval, the attorney must submit with the voucher a detailed memorandum supporting and justifying counsel's claim that: the representation given was in an extended or complex case, and the excess payment is necessary to provide fair compensation.
- For representations where counsel believes more than 300 attorney hours will be expended, a budget is required. Budgets must be approved by both the District Court and Fifth Circuit.

Investigative, Expert and Other Services

The following amounts apply per service provider.

- **Up to \$900 - no prior authorization needed from District Court**
- **\$900 - \$2,700 - must have prior authorization from District Court**
 - Authorizations are requested and approved via eVoucher.
- **Over \$2,700 – must have prior authorization from District Court and the Fifth Circuit**
 - Authorizations are requested and approved via filed motion.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACT (CJA)

CAPITAL CASE COMPENSATION MAXIMUMS

Current attorney hourly rate: \$202

If attorney hourly compensation (exclusive of expenses) exceeds the below case compensation maximums, Fifth Circuit approval is also required

Capital

\$100,000 – combined for all attorneys providing representation

Capital Post-Convictions

18 U.S.C. §§ 2241, 2254 or 2255

\$35,000 – combined for all attorneys providing representation

Investigative, Expert and Other Services

The following amounts apply to all service providers combined.

- **Up to \$7,500 - no prior authorization needed from District Court**
- **Over \$7,500 – must have prior authorization from District Court and the Fifth Circuit**
 - Authorizations are requested and approved via filed motion along with a budget.

INTERIM VOUCHERS AND PAYMENTS

NON-CAPITAL AND CAPITAL

Attorneys & Service Providers

- Interim payments of CJA vouchers are allowed for representations in which a budget has been approved by both the District Court and Fifth Circuit. When authorized, interim payments allow attorneys/service providers to submit monthly/quarterly vouchers.
- Interim vouchers only require the District Court Judge's approval as long as the amounts claimed on the voucher are within the approved budget. Twenty percent of the voucher amount approved for fees is withheld as retainage. The withheld amounts are requested through the final voucher submitted by the attorneys/service providers that must be approved by the Fifth Circuit. Expenses claimed on interim vouchers are paid in full.