

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF PUERTO RICO



NOTICE FROM THE CLERK NO. 23-18

HOURLY RATES AND CASE MAXIMUM INCREASES
FOR CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACT (CJA) PANEL ATTORNEYS

Pursuant to an Executive Order issued by President Joseph Biden on December 2023, inflationary adjustments were made to the hourly rates and case compensation maximums under the Criminal Justice Act (CJA), 18 U.S.C. §3006A, as follows.

Effective January 1, 2024, the panel attorney hourly rates increased from **\$164 to \$172 for non-capital work** and from **\$210 to \$220 for capital work**. These new hourly rates apply to services performed **on or after January 1, 2024**. Where the appointment of counsel occurred before January 1, 2024, the new hourly compensation rate applies to that portion of services provided on or after the effective date.

The non-capital rate increase will result in increases to the panel attorney case compensation maximums in non-capital cases. The adjusted panel attorney case compensation maximums are now as follows:

CASE COMPENSATION MAXIMUMS FOR NON-CAPITAL CASES		
If the case is a	Previous maximum was	New compensation maximum is
FELONY	\$12,800	\$13,400
MISDEMEANOR	\$3,600	\$3,800
APPEAL	\$9,100	\$9,600
Proceedings under 18 U.S.C. §983 & 28 U.S.C. §1875, 2241, 2254 or 2255	\$12,800	\$13,400
Other representation required or authorized by CJA (including, but not limited to probation, supervised release hearing, material witness, grand jury witness)	\$2,700	\$2,900

The case compensation maximum for investigative, expert, or other services **without** prior authorization increased from \$900.00 to **\$1,000.00**. The case compensation maximum amount **with** prior authorization increased from \$2,800.00 to **\$3,000.00**. This maximum amount, which excludes expenses, applies to each individual service provider in non-capital representations.

The new case compensation maximums apply to a voucher submitted by the appointed counsel or expert if that person furnished any CJA-compensable work on or after January 1, 2024. The former case compensation maximums apply to a voucher submitted by the appointed counsel or expert if that person's CJA-compensable work on the representation was completed before January 1, 2024.

The new hourly rates and case compensation maximums will be updated in eVoucher through a national update.

For further details on the new CJA hourly rates, case compensation maximums, or any other CJA matter, please visit the CJA Panel Section of the Court's website at www.prd.uscourts.gov, or contact the CJA Clerk via email at PRDdb_CJA@prd.uscourts.gov.

In San Juan, Puerto Rico, this 29th day of December, 2023.


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