

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA

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MARK S. DAVIS
CHIEF JUDGE

February 22, 2019

CJA Panel Attorney Hourly Rates Increases

The new panel attorney hourly rates from \$140 to \$148 for non-capital representations and from \$188 to \$190 for capital representations apply to services performed on or after February 15, 2019. Where the appointment of counsel occurred before February 15, 2019, the new hourly compensation rates apply to that portion of services provided on or after the effective date.

CJA Panel Attorney Case Compensation Maximums (in Non-Capital Cases)

Because of the increase in the non-capital hourly rate, the waivable case compensation maximum amounts for non-capital representations increase to:

\$11,500 (previously \$10,900);
\$8,200 (previously \$7,800);
\$3,300 (previously \$3,100); and
\$2,500 (previously \$2,300).

The new case compensation maximums apply to a voucher submitted by appointed counsel if that person furnished any CJA-compensable work on or after February 15, 2019. The former case compensation maximums apply to a voucher submitted by appointed counsel if that person's CJA-compensable work on the representation was completed before February 15, 2019.

Investigative, Expert, or Other Services Case Compensation Maximums

The federal pay raise results in increases to the case compensation maximums for investigative, expert, or other services.

The new case compensation maximum amount without prior authorization is \$900 (up from \$800). This limitation applies to the total compensation, excluding expenses, allowed for all subsection (e) services combined for which prior judicial authorization was not obtained (absent the court finding in the interest of justice that timely procurement of necessary services could not await prior authorization). The limitation does not apply to each service provider individually.

The new waivable case compensation amount with prior authorization is \$2,600 (up from \$2,500). The \$2,600 maximum, which excludes expenses, applies to each individual service provider in a non-capital representation. (This limitation does not apply in capital representations; the case maximum for investigative, expert, or other services in capital representations is governed by a different statute and has not changed.)

The new case compensation amounts apply to a voucher submitted by a service provider if that provider furnished any CJA-compensable work in the representation on or after February 15, 2019. The former case compensation amounts apply if the provider's work on the representation was completed before February 15, 2019.