

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA

FERNANDO GALINDO
CLERK OF COURT

REBECCA BEACH SMITH
CHIEF JUDGE

March 28, 2018

CJA Panel Attorney Hourly Rates Increases

The new panel attorney hourly rates from \$132 to \$140 for non-capital representations and from \$185 to \$188 for capital representations apply to services performed on or after March 23, 2018. Where the appointment of counsel occurred before March 23, 2018, the new hourly compensation rates apply to that portion of services provided on or after the effective date.

CJA Panel Attorney Case Compensation Maximums

The rise in the non-capital hourly rate to \$140 results in increases to the waivable case compensation maximum amounts for non-capital representations of \$10,300, \$7,300, \$2,900, and \$2,200, excluding expenses, to \$10,900, \$7,800, \$3,100, and \$2,300, respectively.

(Subparagraph (d)(2) of the CJA, 18 U.S.C. § 3006A, amended in October 2008, provides that the panel attorney case compensation maximums for non-capital representations rise “simultaneously” with aggregate percentage increases in the hourly rate rounded to the nearest \$100, since the case maximums were last amended)

The new case compensation maximums apply to a voucher submitted by appointed counsel if that person furnished any CJA-compensable work on or after March 23, 2018. 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 March 23, 2018.