

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA

FERNANDO GALINDO  
CLERK OF COURT

REBECCA BEACH SMITH  
CHIEF JUDGE

February 14, 2014

On February 10, 2014, the Executive Committee of the Judicial Conference approved final financial plans for the Judiciary for Fiscal Year (FY) 2014 (October 1, 2013 through September 30, 2014).

The final plan provides sufficient funding in the Defender Services account to pay for all FY 2014 panel attorney vouchers without deferring any payments into FY 2015. The funding also repeals the temporary reductions (implemented in September 2013) to hourly panel attorney rates and provides for a one percent increase to non-capital and capital hourly rates.

**As a result, for work performed on or after March 1, 2014, panel attorney hourly rates will increase to \$126 for non-capital representations and \$180 for capital representations.**