

NOTICE TO CJA ATTORNEYS

The judiciary's Defender Services account received sufficient fiscal year 2014 funding to set Criminal Justice Act (CJA) panel attorney rates at \$126 for non-capital and \$180 for capital work performed on or after March 1, 2014. Where the appointment of counsel occurred before this effective date, the new compensation rates apply to that portion of services provided on or after March 1, 2014.

In addition, the change in the non-capital hourly rate results in an increase to some of the attorney case compensation maximum amounts. Subparagraph (d)(2) of the CJA, 18 U.S.C. § 3006A, 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.

Panel attorney case compensation maximum amounts of \$9,700 and \$6,900 have increased \$100 to \$9,800 and \$7,000, respectively, and the case maximum amounts of \$2,800 and \$2,100 remain the same.

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 1, 2014. 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 1, 2014.