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### MEMORANDUM

TO: CJA Panel Attorney  
FROM: Clerk of Court   
SUBJECT: Increased Hourly Rate for Panel Attorneys  
DATE: April 21, 2014

Effective Saturday, March 1, 2014 the hourly rate for CJA Panel Attorney Members increased from \$110 to **\$126**. Case compensation maximums have also increased as a result. Attached is the text of the amended CJA provisions, including instructions for ensuring the appropriate rates and compensation maximums are applied.

If you have questions, please contact the following:

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Thank you.



ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE  
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HONORABLE JOHN D. BATES  
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February 26, 2014

MEMORANDUM

To: Judges, United States Courts of Appeals  
Judges, United States District Courts  
United States Magistrate Judges  
Circuit Executives  
Federal Public/Community Defenders  
District Court Executives  
Clerks, United States Courts of Appeals  
Clerks, United States District Courts  
Senior Staff Attorneys  
Chief Circuit Mediators  
Circuit CJA Case-Budgeting/CJA Supervising Attorneys

From: Judge John D. Bates 

RE: IMPLEMENTATION OF HOURLY RATE AND CASE MAXIMUM INCREASES FOR CJA  
PANEL ATTORNEYS (**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**)

As indicated in my memorandum dated February 12, 2014, 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 charts, Hourly Rates for CJA Panel Attorneys and Waivable Case Compensation Maximums for Non-Capital Cases (scroll down from the Hourly Rates chart), indicate the new and previous hourly rates and case compensation maximums. (The

hourly rate and case compensation maximum charts are in the process of being revised in the publicly accessible Guidelines for Administering the CJA and Related Statutes (CJA Guidelines, Guide to Judiciary Policy, Vol. 7, Part A).

**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.** Attached are instructions for ensuring that the proper case compensation maximum is utilized.

Questions concerning the CJA hourly rates or case compensation maximums may be directed to the Defender Services Office, Legal and Policy Division duty attorney, on (202) 502-3030, or via email at [ods\\_lpb@ao.uscourts.gov](mailto:ods_lpb@ao.uscourts.gov).

Attachment

cc: CJA Panel Attorney District Representatives