UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

In re: Administrative Orders of the Chief Judge Case No. 3:21-mc-1-TJC

ORDER REGARDING PAYMENT OF CJA LAWYERS AND EXPERT SERVICE PROVIDERS

The Judges of the Middle District of Florida have adopted the following policies regarding the payment of lawyers and expert service providers under the Criminal Justice Act (CJA), 18 U.S.C. § 3006A.

In criminal cases filed on or after September 1, 2023, CJA panel lawyers may utilize the services of **interpreters** up to the waivable case compensation maximum for expert services provided in the Guide to Judiciary Policy (Guide) **without prior authorization**. Current case compensation maximums can be found on the Court's website at https://www.flmd.uscourts.gov/rates-and-compensation-maximums.

In addition, the Court delegates to the Clerk's Office Attorney Advisors the authority to review and approve the following:

 Requests for prior authorization (AUTHs) to spend up to the waivable case compensation maximum provided in the Guide per expert service provider type.

- Expert vouchers (CJA-21s/31s) requesting a payment up to the waivable case compensation maximum provided in the Guide or that are within preauthorized funding limits.
- Attorney vouchers (CJA-20s/30s) requesting payment up to half the amount of the waivable case compensation maximum provided in the Guide.
 - Attorney requests for transcripts (AUTH-24s).
 - Court reporter vouchers (CJA-24s).
- Requests from lawyers and experts to be reimbursed for travel expenses (Travel AUTHs).

The Attorney Advisors will not reduce a voucher for unreasonableness without judge approval. A voucher exceeding the limits of the limited delegation described in this order will be sent to the presiding judge for review.

For questions about these policies, contact <u>FLMD_CJA@flmd.uscourts.gov</u>.

DONE AND ORDERED in Jacksonville, Florida on August 15, 2023.



Copies to:

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