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PART I — INTRODUCTION

This policy manual has been prepared to inform CJA panel attorneys of the Court's procedures and provide an understanding of the voucher review process. It also sets forth general guidance on reimbursable expenses and compensable time. Answers to questions concerning appointment under the Criminal Justice Act can generally be found in: (1) [18 U.S.C. §3006A](#); (2) 21 U.S.C. §848(q)(4) *et. seq.*; (3) the *Plan for Implementing the Criminal Justice Act of 1964 (as Amended)* 18 U.S.C. § 3006A for the United States District Court, District of Alaska; and (4) *Guide to Judiciary Policy & Procedures*, Vol. VII, *Appointment of Counsel in Criminal Cases*, Section A *Guidelines for the Administration of the Criminal Justice Act and Related Statutes*, published by the Administrative Office of the United States Courts (referred to herein as *CJA Guidelines*). These sources are available through the Federal Public Defenders Office and the library of the United States District Court, and accessible on-line through the CJA Section of the court's website www.akd.uscourts.gov. Should these references fail to provide the desired clarification or direction, the panel attorney should address inquiries to the CJA Administrator in the Office of the Federal Public Defender.

PART II — APPOINTMENT OF PANEL ATTORNEYS AND ISSUANCE OF INITIAL VOUCHER

§ 2.1 *Appointment.*

(a) **Origination of Voucher.**

(1) Upon notification by the court of the determination of need for counsel—including the defendant's name, the charges, follow-up court dates, and a copy of the court order appointing panel counsel—the CJA Administrator prepares the appointment of counsel form (CJA 20 for attorneys fees and expenses in non-capital cases or CJA 30 in capital cases).

(2) The appointment voucher is approved and signed by the Federal Public Defender or his designee. This form becomes the only authorized voucher that may be submitted for payment.

(3) The CJA Administrator forwards the original appointment voucher to the appointed attorney and a copy to the Clerk of the Court.

(b) **Attorney's Copy.**

(1) The appointed attorney's copy becomes the payment voucher for the attorney's compensable fees and expenses.

(2) If the case will involve interim payments, the appointed attorney should make copies of the initial signed voucher for future use.

(c) **Notification.**

(1) It is generally the responsibility of the CJA Administrator to notify appointed attorneys of the appointment and the first appearance date.

(2)[A] Thereafter, the Clerk of the Court provides copies of minute orders and pertinent court dates directly to the appointed attorney.

[B] The CJA Administrator is only copied by the Clerk of the Court with court orders or minutes related to CJA administration.

(3) Where compensation or reimbursable expenses are a subject, it is the responsibility of the appointed attorney to timely provide the CJA Administrator with a copy of all documents filed directly with the Clerk of the Court.

§ 2.2 *Processing of Vouchers.*

(a) **Voucher Submission.**

(1) The appointed attorney submits a completed CJA voucher to the CJA Administrator after a judgment has been filed or a case adjudicated.

(2) The CJA Administrator reviews the payment voucher and forwards the voucher to the Clerk of the Court for routing for judicial approval of compensation and expense reimbursement.

(3) If the voucher exceeds the maximums allowable, the approved voucher is returned to the CJA Administrator for forwarding to the Chief Judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit (or designated circuit judge) for approval.

(b) **Payment Order.**

(1) Upon approval by the presiding judge, the payment voucher is returned to the CJA Administrator indicating approval for payment.

(2) [A] The CJA Administrator will input the CJA voucher into the automated payment accounting system; and

[B] Another FPD employee will review the input for accuracy and approve the payment for electronic processing.

(3) [A] The CJA Administrator retains custody of the original paper voucher that documents the electronic process.

[B] The appointed attorney will be provided with a copy of the approved voucher only if adjustments or reductions have been made in the auditing or approval process.

[NOTE: The automated system is connected to the Administrative Office of the US Courts in Washington DC for final certification of the voucher and disbursement of the payment check to the appointed counsel. The entire process should normally be completed within sixty (60) days from receipt of the payment voucher by the CJA Administrator.]

§ 2.3 *Confidentiality of CJA Documents.*

(a) **Nondisclosure.**

(1) [A] All CJA documents, with the exception of the CJA 23 Form, are filed in the confidential CJA financial files maintained by the Clerk's Office and the CJA Administrator whether or not a previous sealing order has been entered.

[B] CJA documents include vouchers (CJA forms 20, 21, 24, 30 and 31), supporting documentation, budget plans, funding requests and authorizations, interim payment orders, and travel requests and orders in criminal cases, and in capital habeas corpus cases where the appropriate statutory standard has been met for confidentiality under 21 U.S.C. § 848(q)(9).

[C] Unless sealed by order of the court, the CJA 23 (Financial Affidavit) Form will be maintained in the court's public files.

(2) CJA documents maintained by the Clerk and the CJA Administrator will not be disclosed to the public except as provided by statute, the *CJA Guidelines*, or by order of the court.

(b) **Sealed Document.** *There is no need for an attorney to request sealing of CJA funding requests or orders.* All CJA documents are maintained in confidential files and will not be disclosed absent statutory requirement or court order.

(1) To assist the Clerk's Office staff in recognizing CJA related documents, the appointed attorney should ensure that any pleading directly related to CJA administration includes CJA in the title of the document.

(2) If the appointed attorney does not want opposing counsel to be served with CJA documents, the title of the document must clearly state "CJA *Ex Parte* Under Seal."

(c) **Court Documents.** Upon preparation by or submission to the CJA Administrator, all CJA documents defined in ¶ 2.3(a)(1) while in the possession, custody, or control of the CJA Administrator are confidential court documents, the disclosure of which is governed by ¶ 2.3(a)(2).

PART III — ATTORNEYS' COMPENSATION AND RECORD KEEPING

§ 3.1 *In General.*

(a) **Least Expensive Alternative.** Appointed attorneys are expected to assist the court in finding the least expensive reasonable method to provide high quality legal and other services to indigent defendants.

(1) Appointed attorneys will **not** be compensated for work performed by attorneys that could or should be performed by other less expensive authorized staff (*e.g.*, paraprofessionals, law clerks, *etc.*).

(2) Whenever appropriate, without compromising the quality of the work, the services that are performed should be performed by the least expensive, competent staff member authorized by the court and capable of performing the work. For example, lawyers should not expend time for court filings, service of papers, file organization, photocopying, mailing, faxing, *etc.* **Attorneys will not be compensated for secretarial tasks.**

(b) **Attorney Conferences.**

(1) If an appointed attorney associates another attorney within the same firm on an appointed case, the attorneys will not be compensated for time conferencing with each other.

(2) If two attorneys are appointed, conferencing will be approved for limited and reasonable expenditures of time.

(c) **Waiting Time.**

(1) Reasonable waiting-time will be compensated; however, the court will not compensate an appointed attorney for foreseeable waiting time during which the appointed attorney could have been working on other matters unless justification is provided explaining why the charge is being incurred.

(2) A reasonable "review/preparation" time before a meeting or appearance is an appropriate charge, even though such "review/preparation" is conducted while waiting.

(3) [A] When the appointed attorney is aware that waiting time may be substantial (e.g., waiting for conferences with the client or the return of a jury) the appointed attorney should have other work to occupy the time.

[B] Compensation may **NOT** be claimed for waiting time where work on other matters is performed during the same time period.

(d) **Incremental Reporting.** Time for work performed by attorneys must be reported in tenths of an hour. Vouchers submitted that record time in quarter hour segments will be returned by the CJA Administrator for resubmission in tenth of an hour segments.

§ 3.2 *Records.*

(a) **Maintaining Time Records.** Attorneys must maintain contemporaneous time and attendance records for all work performed, including work performed by associates, partners, paraprofessionals, and law clerks, as well as expense records.

(b) **Receipts/Invoices.** Whenever a copy of a receipt, invoice or similar document is submitted in support of a voucher, the appointed attorney must retain the original of the document in the attorney's files and produce the original upon the request of the court or CJA Administrator.

(c) **Retention.** These records, which may be subject to audit, must be retained for three (3) years after approval of the final voucher for an appointment.

§ 3.3 *Worksheets.*

(a) **Format.**

(1) In support of CJA Forms 20 and 30, appointed attorneys must submit worksheets in the same format as the worksheets contained in Appendices 1–6 of these guidelines to the extent applicable.

(2) See [Appendix 8](#) for Guidelines/Instructions on completing the worksheets.

(3) Interactive worksheets are available in WordPerfect® and Adobe Acrobat® portable document format ("pdf") on the court's website at www.akd.uscourts.gov.

(b) **Legibility.** Although they need not be typed, worksheets must be legible and detail the tasks performed and assign all tasks to categories specified on the voucher.

(c) **Alternative Format.** Appointed attorneys may provide supporting documentation from an attorney's timekeeping system in a format that provides itemization of tasks sorted by voucher category in chronological order.

(d) **Return of Vouchers.** Worksheets or other supporting statements in any other format are not acceptable and will be returned by the CJA Administrator with the voucher for resubmission.

§ 3.4 *Detailed Entries.*

(a) **Individual Task Entries.** Each entry must reflect discrete individual tasks and not simply list multiple tasks performed in a specified block of time.

(b) In-Court/Out-of-Court.

(1) "In-Court" time includes only that time actually spent in-court from not more than five (5) minutes prior to the scheduled time for commencement of the court hearing or trial as reflected on the court calendar until not more than five (5) minutes after the hearing or trial is adjourned as reflected on the court minutes of the proceeding.

(2) [A] Short or customary recesses may be included in in-court time, but time after adjournment for lunch or the day are not compensable unless otherwise compensable as out-of-court time.

[B] Time spent in-court awaiting return of a jury may be claimed as in-court time to the extent the time is reasonably necessary.

(3) Time spent in matters, even if connected to a hearing or trial, that is not properly included as in-court time, *e.g.*, interviewing witness, consulting with the client, opposing or co-counsel, must be reported as out-of-court time.

(c) **Detail.** Information should be provided in sufficient detail to permit meaningful review, without violation of the canons of ethics or disclosure of attorney work product including, but not limited to:

(1) Identifying witnesses interviewed (if in the opinion of the appointed attorney it is inappropriate to provide the name of a witness, identification by type of witness, *e.g.*, "guilt phase witness #1" is sufficient) and topic of interview (a simple description of the general topic of discussion, not specific details, is required);

(2) Identifying persons involved in telephone conversations or conferences and topics discussed (a simple description of the general topic of discussion, not specific details, is required);

(3) Specific issues or topics researched; and

(4) Identification of documents reviewed or prepared, including transcripts and pleadings drafted or reviewed, by title and page numbers; and, if necessary for an understanding of the task, explanation of its relevance to the federal proceedings.

(d) No Aggregation.

(1) Aggregating time into blocks or use of vague or ambiguous entries will not be approved for payment.

(2) Vouchers having a level of detail insufficient for auditing purposes will be returned to the appointed attorney for resubmission with adequate detail.

(e) **Document Review Time.** It is expected that attorneys will review discovery and other factual based documents at a rate of not less than 60 pages per hour. If time exceeds this guideline, an explanation must be attached.

(f) Legal Research Time.

(1) Compensation will be paid for reasonable and necessary research related to the case.

(2) Each CJA panel attorney is expected to have a basic knowledge of federal criminal law and procedure and time spent becoming familiar with or reviewing such items as the Federal

Rules of Criminal Procedure, local Criminal Rules, Federal Sentencing Guidelines, is not ordinarily compensable.

§ 3.5 *Recycling.*

(a) **Compensation for Original Work Only.**

(1) CJA panel attorneys should use preexisting resources (e.g., briefs and pleadings prepared in similar cases previously handled) to the extent practical to minimize charges.

(2) Appointed attorneys may claim compensation only for work that is originally prepared for the case in which the voucher is submitted.

(b) **Adaptation Time.** Compensation for time spent in adapting prior work product to the case or matter in which the voucher is submitted may be properly claimed.

§ 3.6 *Maximum Amounts.*

(a) **Amounts.** Maximum payment amounts, by category, are contained in Appendix 9.

(b) **Approval of Excess Amounts.**

(1) Compensation exceeding the statutory maximum amounts may be authorized in cases that are complex or extended where there is a declaration from the appointed attorney justifying the payment; and

(2) Certification by the trial judge authorizing the payment and approval by the Chief Judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit (or a circuit judge delegated that responsibility) are required.

(3) Vouchers claiming amounts exceeding the statutory maximums will be returned by the CJA Administrator if not accompanied by the required declaration.

[A] The appointed attorney may use a CJA 26 for this purpose, which may be downloaded from the court's website or obtained from the CJA Administrator.

[B] Additional declarations are not required in cases where court approval of interim payments based on the complexity of the case has been previously obtained.

(4) Failure to provide adequate information supporting excess fees may result in the reduction of the fees to the statutory maximums.

(c) **Declarations.** [Appendix 10](#) contains guidance in drafting the declaration required to support a claim in excess of the case maximum.

§ 3.7 *Multiple Defendants, Indictments or Counts.*

(a) **Cross-Reference of Vouchers.** If the appointed attorney has submitted, or will submit, CJA vouchers for more than one case or defendant in the same case for the same time period, the voucher for each case or defendant must include an attachment stating the name of the defendant and the case number of the other case.

(b) Multiple Indictments/Counts.

(1) [A] When a defendant is charged in one indictment with severable counts, one voucher should be submitted and one maximum applied under subsection (d)(2) of the Act, whether or not the counts are severed for trial.

[B] When a defendant is charged in two or more indictments (other than a superseding indictment or information), a separate voucher should be submitted, and a separate maximum applied under ¶ (d)(2) of the Act, for each indictment, whether or not the indictments are consolidated for trial.

(2) Where a single panel attorney is appointed to represent multiple defendants, separate vouchers should be submitted, and a separate maximum applied under ¶ (d)(2) of the Act, for each defendant represented.

(c) **Time Allocation.** Time spent on multiple cases or indictments that require overlapping services (e.g., research, attendance at court, travel to visit clients, etc.) should be appropriately allocated among the cases or indictments and not charged in full to each case.

§ 3.8 *Use of Associates, Paraprofessionals and Law Clerks.*

(a) Appearances by Appointed Attorney.

(1) It is expected that the appointed attorney will personally appear and participate in all proceedings related to plea, detention, substantive motions, trial, and sentence.

(2) The *CJA Guidelines* provide that in some instances, appointed attorneys may use the services of other attorneys, paraprofessionals or law students in the same firm.

(b) **Use of Associates.** District policy is that associates may do legal research and review of factual circumstances in the case, as well as make status and scheduled court appearances in nondispositive matters, without obtaining prior approval.

(c) Use of Paraprofessionals/Law Clerks.

(1) Use of paraprofessionals, law clerks, and law students is encouraged but must be pre-approved if the expenditure will exceed the maximum amount authorized to be expended without court approval. [See [Appendix 9](#).]

(2) With the prior approval of the court, paraprofessionals and law students, whether independent or employed in the same firm as appointed counsel, may perform case preparation services distinct from normal clerical support services. [See § 10.2 for the procedure for obtaining prior approval.]

(d) **Aggregate Time.** By accepting appointment pursuant to the CJA, the appointed attorney is obliged to ensure the aggregate hours expended by the appointed attorney, associates, outside counsel, paraprofessionals and law clerks are reasonable.

(1) The use of associate attorneys, outside counsel, paraprofessionals, and law clerks will ordinarily reduce the hours expended by the appointed attorney, and the aggregate hours expended by all attorneys, paraprofessionals and law clerks should be reasonably necessary to competent representation.

(2) [A] In any case where the use of associate counsel, outside counsel, paraprofessionals, and/or law clerks is not expected to result in a decrease in the number of hours expended by the appointed attorney, prior approval should be requested from the court.

[B] Payment under the CJA in such instances may be made to the appointed attorney only for compensable time spent by the appointed attorney plus allowable expenses.

(3) [A] The coordination of efforts between members of the same firm authorized to work on a case is the responsibility of the firm and not a reimbursable cost.

[B] If an appointed attorney associates another attorney, or uses the services of a paraprofessional or law clerk, within the same firm on an appointed case, the appointed attorney, associated attorney, paraprofessional, or law clerk will not be compensated for time conferencing with each other.

(4) There must be attached to the CJA 20 or CJA 30 submitted by the appointed attorney a statement of the total time expended by the appointed attorney, any associate, outside attorney, paraprofessional, and/or law clerk, whether in the same firm or independent, during the period covered by the voucher, together with the aggregate time expended by all attorneys, paraprofessionals, and/or law clerks [See [Appendix 7](#) for Statement of Total Time and Charges].

(e) Billings for Associate Attorneys.

(1) [A] The CJA guideline rate for associates is actual cost, not to exceed the CJA rate per hour.

[B] “Actual cost” for associates is the regular hourly rate paid, including payroll burden, e.g., payroll taxes, worker’s compensation insurance, and actual cost of benefits provided.

(2) [A] If the billing rate for the associated attorney is the CJA rate, the billing for the associate’s time is to be included on the CJA 20 (items 15 or 16) or CJA 30 (item 15) submitted by the appointed attorney.

[B] If the billing rate for the associated attorney is less than the CJA rate, the time for the associated attorney is to be submitted on a separate CJA 20 or CJA 30.

(3) The worksheet (Appendix 3) for the associate attorney must specify the associate attorney’s name, time expended, and work performed.

(f) Billings for Paralegals/Law Clerks. [See § 7.4]

§ 3.9 Submission and Processing of CJA Documentation.

(a) In General.

(1) Except as otherwise provided in this manual, all motions by attorneys for authorization or pre-approval of expenses and completed vouchers (CJA forms 20, 21, 24, 30, and 31) are to be submitted by the attorney to the CJA Administrator.

[A] In cases where CJA documents are filed directly with the Clerk of the Court, the appointed attorney must contemporaneously therewith transmit a copy by facsimile to the CJA Administrator.

[B] Not less than five (5) business days must be allowed for the issuance of an authorization or approval order after submission of a motion for approval.

(2) The CJA Administrator will review and forward CJA documentation and requests received by the CJA Administrator to the Clerk's Office.

[A] ***Unless otherwise ordered by the presiding judge, CJA documents are not to be sent directly to the presiding judge.***

[B] The appointed attorney must give notice of the filing to the CJA Administrator and the Clerk of the Court of all documents filed in chambers.

(3) All CJA orders, approvals, authorizations, and other directives from the court will be distributed by the Clerk's Office with a copy and telephonic notification, if appropriate, to the CJA Administrator.

(b) **Attorney's Certification.** By signing the voucher or other CJA document, the appointed attorney is certifying that:

(1) The voucher or other document complies with all governing CJA rules, guidelines, and policies applicable;

(2) The services provided and expenses incurred or for which authorization is sought were or are reasonably necessary to effective representation; and

(3) The rates of compensation or expenses to be reimbursed are, to the extent applicable,

[A] the lowest rate negotiable by the appointed attorney, or

[B] the lowest rate specified by statute, rule guideline, or this policy manual.

PART IV — CJA 20: NON-CAPITAL CASES

§ 4.1 Forms

(a) **Instructions.** Instructions for completing the CJA 20 voucher are contained in [Appendix 11](#).

(b) **Interactive Forms.**

(1) Blank interactive CJA 20 Forms and supporting worksheets in WordPerfect® or Adobe Acrobat® may be downloaded from the court's website for use in preparing vouchers for payment.

(2) Where an interactive CJA 20 is utilized for requesting payment, the interactive voucher submitted is to be attached to either the original or a copy of the initial signed appointment voucher.

§ 4.2 Standard Cases. For cases that are not complex or extended, the CJA 20 must be submitted not later than forty-five (45) days after the final disposition of the case, unless good cause is shown.

§ 4.3 Complex or Extended Cases/Interim Payments.

(a) **Interim Payments.** Where a case is complex or extended, the attorney may request and justify periodic or interim payments in lieu of waiting until the end of the case.

(b) **Requests.** A request for interim payments is made by submitting to the CJA Administrator a request in writing, detailing why the case is extended and complex.

(c) **Circuit Approval.** All vouchers approved by the district court exceeding the statutory maximum will be forwarded to the Chief Judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit (or designated circuit judge) for approval.

(d) **Criteria.**

(1) Authorization to submit interim vouchers will be limited to situations where compensation is anticipated to be in an amount in excess of the maximum allowed under the provisions of ¶ (d)(2) or ¶ (e)(3) of the Criminal Justice Act, [18 U.S.C. § 3006A](#). [See [§ 3.6](#) for additional information/guidance regarding amounts in excess of the statutory maximums.]

(2) Unless otherwise provided in the order authorizing interim payments, interim payment vouchers are not to be submitted:

[A] At intervals of less than 30 days; or

[B] In amounts less than \$1,000.00.

(3) In addition to the requirements specified in Part III, all vouchers for interim payments must include:

[A] A copy of the order authorizing interim payments; and

[B] A statement showing amounts claimed and allowed on prior vouchers submitted in the case.

(e) **Withholding from Interim Payments.** This district will not ordinarily withhold funds from interim payments.

§ 4.4 *Multi-Defendant Cases.*

(a) **Coordination by Appointed Attorneys.** In all multi-defendant cases involving more than one CJA appointed attorney, appointed attorneys should take all reasonable steps to coordinate efforts to reduce costs, including joint applications for funding of investigators or other services.

(b) **Coordinating CJA Counsel.**

(1) The presiding judge may appoint one (1) counsel as coordinating counsel in multi-defendant cases.

(2) If the CJA coordinating attorney will no longer be participating in the case because the case against his or her client has been resolved, the coordinating attorney should address a letter to the presiding judge, advising of the need for a replacement to monitor funding authorizations and to ensure other matters are addressed in a coordinated fashion as the case continues.

§ 4.5 *Supplemental Claims.* If a supplemental claim for services rendered after the case is completed is needed, the appointed attorney may do so by completing an additional voucher designated as a "Supplemental to Final" voucher.

PART V — CJA 30: CAPITAL CASES

Application of the practices and procedures in this manual in capital cases is subject to the policy of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, which must be reviewed at the outset of the case.

PART VI — VOUCHER REVIEW

§ 6.1 *In General.* Voucher processing requires the review and analysis of vouchers submitted by CJA appointed attorneys to determine that the services rendered and expenses incurred are in accordance with the statutes, rules, policies, requirements, practices and procedures governing CJA appointed counsel. Vouchers are processed, reviewed and audited by the CJA Administrator and reviewed by the presiding judge. Voucher review by the presiding judge includes an assessment of the reasonableness of the fees and expenses incurred for the activity or task involved.

§ 6.2 *Review by CJA Administrator.*

(a) **General.**

(1) All vouchers are initially reviewed by the CJA Administrator for mathematical errors and compliance with the requirements of applicable rules, *CJA Guidelines*, and this policy manual.

(2) After review by the CJA Administrator, vouchers are forwarded to the Clerk of the Court.

(3) In the absence of unusual circumstances or the absence of the CJA Administrator during the period, the CJA Administrator will either return the voucher to the appointed attorney under subsection 6.2(b) or forward the voucher to Clerk of the Court within ten (10) business days of the date the voucher is submitted by the appointed attorney.

(b) **Return and Re-submission.**

(1) The CJA Administrator will return to the appointed attorney for correction and re-submission any voucher that does not comply with the requirements of this policy manual.

(2) A voucher returned by the CJA Administrator will indicate those items that are not in compliance with the requirements of this policy manual.

(3) In the event re-submission by the appointed attorney does not correct the deficiency(ies) noted by the CJA Administrator, the CJA Administrator will attach a memo to the voucher delineating the deficiency(ies) noted before forwarding it to the Clerk's Office.

§ 6.3 *Approval by Court.*

(a) **General.** In the absence of unusual circumstances, including, but not limited to, proceedings under subsection 6.3(d) or § 6.4, the court will act on all vouchers within 30 days of the date the voucher is filed with the Clerk of the Court.

(b) **Approval by Magistrate Judge.** A magistrate judge is authorized to approve vouchers in criminal cases as follows:

(1) All proceedings were held before the magistrate judge; and

(2) In matters referred to the magistrate judge—

[A] for service providers requesting payments under the maximum amount authorized without prior court approval [see [Appendix 9](#)] or that are within funding limits preauthorized by a district court judge in felony, misdemeanor, and other cases,

[B] in capital cases in which the expenditure has been authorized in a budget approved by a district court judge, and

[C] for interpreters and transcription services where the payment requested is less than the maximum amount authorized without prior court approval [see [Appendix 9](#)] or the expenditure has been authorized by a district court judge.

(c) Approval by District Judge.

(1) In those cases in which review of the voucher is referred to a magistrate judge and the magistrate judge is not authorized to make final approval of the voucher, the magistrate judge will, after compliance with the procedure provided in subsection [6.3\(d\)](#) or [§ 6.4](#), if applicable, submit a report and recommendation to the district judge.

(2) Unless otherwise ordered by the presiding district judge, the matter will be submitted for decision on the report and recommendation made by the magistrate judge.

(d) Reductions.

(1) It is the policy of the court that, except as provided in [¶ 6.3\(d\)\(3\)](#), in the event the district or magistrate judge intends to reduce or propose a reduction in the amount claimed, the judge will provide notice of the intended or proposed reduction and the reason(s) therefor to the appointed attorney.

(2) At the discretion of the judge, the notice and statement of reason(s) under [¶ 6.3\(d\)\(1\)](#) may be given in writing through the CJA Administrator or be made on the record in court after notice to the appointed attorney.

[A] The appointed attorney may participate telephonically at any hearing held under this paragraph.

[B] In the event notice is given in writing, within ten (10) days thereafter, the appointed attorney must submit to the CJA Administrator a written response:

(i) If the appointed attorney disagrees with the proposed reduction, addressing the points or issues raised and, if appropriate, any reasons why reduction is not appropriate; or

(ii) Accepting the proposed reduction.

[C] A failure to provide a timely response under subparagraph [B] will be deemed an acceptance of the intended or proposed reduction.

(3) Notice will not be given if the reduction is based upon:

[A] Computational errors;

[B] A deficiency noted by the CJA Administrator under subsection [6.2\(b\)](#); or

[C] Where in-court time claimed exceeds the time as reflected by the court calendar and minutes of the court hearing or trial.

(4) Nothing contained in this subsection may be construed as prohibiting the judge from communicating informally with the attorney about questions or concerns in person, telephonically, or electronically, *e.g.*, by e-mail or facsimile, as deemed appropriate or necessary by the judge.

(e) **Decisions.**

(1) A final decision specifying the items reduced and reasons for reduction will be provided in writing or on the record in all cases where the reduction exceeds \$300.00.

(2) The claimant will be provided a copy of the approved voucher and decision of the court if adjustments or reductions have been made in the auditing or approval process.

(f) **Approval of Amounts in Excess of Statutory Maximums.** If payment is certified in excess of the statutory maximum, the voucher is sent to the Chief Judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit (or designated circuit judge) for review and final approval.

§ 6.4 *Review by CJA Advisory Committee.*

(a) **Request for Review.**

(1) In any case where a judge has a question or concern with the amount of compensation claimed, the voucher may be referred to the CJA Advisory Committee for review and recommendation before final action on the claim is taken.

(2) In any case where a proposed reduction in the amount of compensation, other than a reduction under ¶ 6.3(d)(3), exceeds \$500.00, upon request of the appointed attorney, the voucher will be referred to the CJA Advisory Committee for review and recommendation before final action on the claim is taken.

(b) **Submission.**

(1) The judge will, at the time the voucher is submitted to the committee, provide the committee with a statement describing the questions about or concerns with the voucher.

(2) Within seven (7) days after submission to the committee, the appointed attorney may provide the committee information or documentation relevant to the voucher and questions or concerns raised by the judge.

(c) **Procedure.** The Advisory Committee will:

(1) Meet as soon as practical to review the disputed claim and in no event more than fifteen (15) days after receipt of the request;

(2) Consider the record and the comments submitted by the court and the appointed attorney in making its recommendation; and

(3) [A] In the event that the committee determines as a result of its review and investigation that a panel member's voucher does not comply with the court's billing guidelines, is unreasonable, or is not otherwise accurate or proper, the CJA Administrator will notify the panel member in writing, specifying the reasons therefor,

[B] the panel member may provide a written response within seven (7) days, and

[C] after reviewing the panel member's response, the committee will submit a recommendation regarding any reduction in the voucher it deems appropriate.

(4) [A] A copy of the committee's recommendation is to be provided to the presiding judge, CJA Administrator and the panel member.

[B] Unless otherwise ordered by the presiding judge, no reply or other response to the committee's recommendation is permitted.

(5) In the absence of unusual circumstances, the committee will submit its recommendation to the presiding judge within thirty (30) days of the date the voucher is submitted to the committee for consideration.

(d) Investigation/Standards.

(1) [A] The Advisory Committee or one of its members will conduct a review and investigation to determine whether the panel member's voucher for attorneys' fees conforms to the court's billing guidelines, is reasonable considering the circumstances of the case, and is otherwise accurate and proper.

[B] The investigation may include review of other vouchers submitted by other panel members in the same, or similar cases, a review of court files, review of records of detention facilities, and/or interviews of panel members including the panel member whose voucher is being reviewed.

(2) No provision of this section is to be construed as permitting disclosure to the panel member of information from which the panel member may infer the source, and no information is to be either disclosed to the panel member or obtained by any process that would jeopardize the confidentiality of communications for persons whose opinions have been sought in the investigation.

(3) In making its recommendation the committee will consider definitions or standards describing "extended or complex" cases as published by the Judicial Conference of the United States and those factors specified in [Appendix 10](#).

(e) Confidentiality.

(1) [A] All information gathered pertaining to a CJA panel member during a fee review is the property of the U.S. District Court for the District of Alaska and is to be treated as confidential.

[B] Votes of the Advisory Committee are also confidential.

(2) Members of the Advisory Committee may not disclose to others in any manner during the course of consideration of any fee review, the name of the panel member audited, the discussions, deliberations or action of the committee concerning any panel member's fee audit, information obtained during investigation or deliberation of the committee, or any documents related to the foregoing, unless ordered to do so by a court of competent jurisdiction.

(f) Action by Presiding Judge. The presiding judge will ordinarily adopt the recommendation of the Advisory Committee in making a final determination; provided, however, that in an exceptional case, the presiding judge may in the sole and absolute discretion of the presiding judge modify the recommendation.

PART VII — REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES

§ 7.1 *General.*

(a) **CJA 20/30.**

(1) Reimbursable out-of-pocket expenses incurred in connection with CJA representation may be claimed on the CJA 20 or CJA 30 voucher.

(2) Compensation for necessary and reasonable expenses is in addition to the fee maximum.

(b) **Duty to Negotiate Rates.** The appointed attorney must negotiate the lowest reasonable rates with service providers retained to provide services in connection with the case.

(c) **Maximums.**

(1) The maximum amount that may be expended without prior approval and the approval levels for excess amounts is set forth in [Appendix 9](#).

(2) See § 10.2 for the procedure for obtaining prior approval.

§ 7.2 *Supporting Documentation.*

(a) **Itemization/Documentation.**

(1) All expenses should be completely itemized and documented by copies of receipts, invoices, and office records that verify costs incurred. Receipts are *required* for all expenses more than \$50.00 and *encouraged* for all expenses less than \$50.00. ***Notwithstanding this policy, receipts are always required for the following:***

- ▶ Outside copying regardless of the amount;
- ▶ Subsistence expenses, except tips, as defined in ¶ 9.5(a)(2)[A], e.g., lodging, phone calls, meals;
- ▶ Non-subsistence travel expenses, other than mileage, more than \$25.00; and
- ▶ Premium delivery and messenger services, e.g., Federal Express, UPS, etc.

(2) Reimbursement will be disallowed for expenses that are not itemized or for which insufficient documentation is provided.

(b) **Submission of Receipts.** Legible copies of receipts are to be taped to or reproduced on white 8½" x 11" paper in chronological order as itemized on the worksheet. More than one receipt may be attached to or reproduced on each sheet of paper.

§ 7.3 *Outside Counsel.*

(a) **In General.** If the appointed attorney seeks services from outside counsel for any purpose, those services will be treated as expert services and require pre-approval, unless the judge has made or subsequently makes a finding that appointment of second counsel is necessary.

(b) **Separate Billing Required.** Reimbursement for these services is claimed on the CJA 21 or CJA 31 voucher.

(c) Obtaining Pre-approval.

(1) See § 10.2 for the procedure for obtaining prior approval.

(2) The request must detail:

[A] The purpose for which the services of outside counsel are sought (including a explanation of the special knowledge possessed and its application to the case, if applicable);

[B] Projected number of hours;

[C] Hourly rate, which may not exceed the CJA rate; and

[D] Total anticipated expenditure.

§ 7.4 *Paraprofessionals/Law Clerks/Law Students.*

(a) Rates.

(1) [A] The CJA guideline rate is actual cost, not to exceed \$45.00 per hour, or \$55.00 per hour if the paraprofessional, law clerk, or law student has special skills applicable to the case.¹

[B] “Actual cost” for in-house paraprofessionals, law clerks, and law students is the regular hourly rate paid, including payroll burden, e.g., payroll taxes, worker’s compensation insurance, and actual cost of benefits provided.

(2) If compensation is sought at the higher rate, an explanation of the special skill(s) possessed and its(their) application to the case must be attached to the voucher or to the request for pre-approval.

(b) Separate Billing Required.

(1) Paraprofessionals, law clerks, and law students, whether in house or independent, are to be billed on a CJA 21 or CJA 31, not on the attorney's voucher, even if the payee is the attorney or law firm.

(2) [A] The worksheet of paralegals, law clerks, and law students must contain the name, rate of compensation, and time expended by paraprofessionals, law clerks, and law students. [See [Appendix 4](#)]

[B] Separate worksheets are required for each payee, but more than one paraprofessional, law clerk, or law student may be included on a single worksheet for each payee.

(c) Obtaining Pre-approval.

(1) See § 10.2 for the procedure for obtaining prior approval.

(2) Where the use of paralegals, law clerks, and law students must be pre-approved, the request must detail:

¹ For services rendered prior to May 1, 2009, the maximum rates are \$25.00 and \$45.00 per hour respectively.

[A] Projected number of hours;

[B] Hourly rate (including a explanation of the special skill(s) possessed and its(their) application to the case, if applicable); and

[C] Total anticipated expenditure.

§ 7.5 *Computerized Legal Research.* Computerized legal research fees are considered office overhead, as are other fees for library items. All CJA Panel attorneys are expected to subscribe to a flat-fee research plan and the court will only provide reimbursement for computerized research when an explanation is provided, e.g., that fees imposed are outside the scope of the flat fee plan or why a flat fee plan is not feasible.

[NOTE: The Federal Public Defender provides a computer in its office for the use of CJA Panel attorneys, including access to standard legal research sources.]

§ 7.6 *Photocopying.*

(a) **In-House.** All in-house copying done in the attorney's office, regardless of the number of copies made per copy job or per case, will be reimbursed at \$0.15 per page without prior approval.

(1) In-house copies and small outside copying jobs paid by the attorney (with a copy of the receipt attached) are reimbursed on a CJA 20 or CJA 30.

(2) Copy jobs of 500 pages or more should be handled outside the attorney's office at a rate more economical to the government and prior approval must be obtained for copy expenses more than the maximum amount authorized without prior court approval per copy job. [See [Appendix 9](#) for maximum amounts.]

(b) **Outside Services.**

(1) Copies made outside the appointed attorney's office will be reimbursed at a rate negotiated by the attorney and supported by a copy of the invoice from the copy company.

(2) All outside copying expenses are reimbursed on a CJA 21 or CJA 31 with the invoice, even if the appointed attorney or the appointed attorney's firm is the payee.

§ 7.7 *Facsimile and Telephone.*

(a) **Toll Charges.** Toll and long-distance charges for out-going case-related facsimiles and telephone calls and collect toll calls accepted from incarcerated clients are reimbursable, but local charges are not.

(b) **Facsimile.**

(1) Flat per page facsimile charges for sending are **not** reimbursable.

(2) Facsimiles received by an appointed attorney are reimbursable at \$0.15 per page received.

(c) **Supporting Documentation.** Telephone toll charges in excess of \$50.00 per month must be supported by a marked-up copy of the telephone bill.

§ 7.8 *Postage.* Reimbursement will be made for the actual cost of case-related regular U.S. postage. Receipts are only required if the postage cost exceeds \$50.00 per instance.

§ 7.9 *Messengers/Couriers/Express Delivery Services*. The use of messengers, couriers, and express delivery services, e.g., Federal Express, Airborne Express, etc., is discouraged unless there is a genuine necessity for this service. The court favors timely filings by mail or electronically.

(1) In cases where an outside messenger or courier service is used, receipts must be attached.

(2) In cases where the appointed attorney uses an in-house messenger or courier service, reimbursement will be limited to *the lesser of* the cost that would be incurred if an outside service were used or the normal or customary charge for the service by the appointed attorney if provided to a private client.

§ 7.10 *Fact Witnesses*. Expenses related to the testimony of a fact witness, either at trial or deposition, including service of subpoenas, transportation and other expenses, are governed by Rule 17, Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure and 28 U.S.C. § 1825. Those expenses are paid by the Department of Justice through the U.S. Marshal's Office. The DOJ form required for reimbursement of witness fees is the OBD-3. The form is provided by the U.S. Attorney to the CJA Administrator, who will assist the appointed attorney with the form.

§ 7.11 *State Court/Other Ancillary Matters*.

(1) Work related to state court proceedings or other ancillary matters will not be compensated unless the attorney obtains prior authorization from the court. [See § 10.2 for the procedure for obtaining prior approval.]

(2) ***In exceptional circumstances the court may find that representation, justified in a memorandum submitted by the attorney at the conclusion of the principal criminal matter, was appropriate and reimbursable.*** A copy of the memorandum must be submitted with the voucher. [See, *Guide to Judiciary Policies and Procedures*, ¶ 2.01.F.]

§ 7.12 *Interim Reimbursement*.

(1) Interim reimbursement of expenses, e.g., hotel bills, airline tickets, car rentals, phone bills, copy and duplication fees and the like, may be requested and may be authorized when counsel's reasonably-incurred, out-of-pocket expenses exceed \$500.00.

(2) When reimbursement of expenses is sought on an interim basis, the application must contain a statement showing the amount all prior expenses for which reimbursement was sought and the amount allowed.

§ 7.13 *Non-Reimbursable Expenses*.

The following are *NOT* reimbursable under CJA.

- ◆ General office overhead, e.g., secretarial help (whether regularly or specially employed), rent, office supplies or equipment; telephone lines or service (although telephone toll calls and telegrams are reimbursable). **Attorneys will not be compensated for secretarial duties, e.g., filing of court documents, mailing, faxing, copying, etc.**
- ◆ Books, journals or other publications.
- ◆ Billing for time needed to prepare or litigate vouchers, except in extraordinary circumstances.

- ◆ Taxes paid on attorney compensation received pursuant to the CJA, whether based on income, sales or gross receipts.
- ◆ The cost of *printing* briefs is not reimbursable, although the cost of photocopying, mimeographing or similar copying services is reimbursable.
- ◆ Filing fees: These fees are waived for persons proceeding under the CJA. Fees for deeds of trust to secure a defendant's release are not compensable under the CJA; these fees are paid for by the person(s) securing the collateral.
- ◆ Personal items and services for the client, *e.g.*, cleaning or pick up or delivery of clothing or personal items, hair cuts, cigarettes, transportation, lodging, travel, meals, costs of assisting the defendant in the disposition of the defendant's personal property, arranging for the placement of minor children of the defendant, assisting the defendant in executing the conditions of probation, assisting the defendant in modifying bond terms such as drafting applications for travel, providing legal assistance in matters unrelated to the litigation of the case although incidental to the defendant's arrest, *etc.* Payments by the appointed attorney for such items will not be reimbursed.
- ◆ Alcoholic beverages.
- ◆ Costs related to educational seminars, including travel, attendance, registration or materials.
- ◆ PACER costs are not reimbursable. Appointed attorneys can apply for a no-fee account and should contact the PACER Service Center in San Antonio at 1-800-676-6856 for more information.
- ◆ Time and expenses involved in the preparation of an appeal (whether from interlocutory orders or final judgments) or work related to the review of proceedings before this court. These are considered as applicable to the case before the United States Court of Appeals, and should be included on the voucher for services performed in that court.
- ◆ Work related to state court proceedings will not be compensated unless the attorney obtains prior authorization from the court.

PART VIII — REIMBURSABLE FEES FOR EXPERTS AND OTHER SERVICE PROVIDERS

§ 8.1 CJA 21 (*Non-Death Penalty Cases*).

(a) **Instructions.** Instructions for completing the CJA 21 voucher are contained in [Appendix 12](#).

(b) **Interactive Forms.** Blank interactive CJA 21 Forms and supporting worksheets may be downloaded from the court's website for use in preparing vouchers for payment.

(c) **One-Time Expert/Service Provider.**

(1) If the expert or other service provider has been retained on a one-time, non-recurring basis, the appointed attorney may submit the CJA 21 for payment in full before the end of the case.

(2) Continuing or repetitive use of an expert or other service provider in the same case does not constitute a one-time, non-recurring basis.

(d) Continued Use of Experts/Service Providers.

(1) For cases in which the expert's services are required during the pendency of the case, the attorney may request and justify periodic or interim payments to the experts in lieu of waiting until the end of the case.

(2) See § 10.2 for the procedures for obtaining approval.

§ 8.2 *Funding Requests for Services Exceeding Maximums.*

(a) **Maximums.** The maximum amount that may be expended without prior court approval is set forth in [Appendix 9](#).

(b) Prior Authorization Required.

(1) No payment in excess of the maximum may be made without prior authorization by the judge unless the judge makes a subsequent finding that the services could not await prior authorization.

(2) A form memorandum requesting advance authorization is contained in Appendix 13.

(3) See § 10.2 for the procedure for obtaining prior approval.

(c) **Duty to Negotiate Rate.** The appointed attorney must negotiate the lowest reasonable compensation rate and total time required with the expert, investigator, interpreter, psychiatrist, psychologist, or other person providing services.

§ 8.3 *Funding Request.*

(a) General.

(1) Payments above the maximum may be made where necessary to provide for fair compensation for services of an unusual character or duration. [18 U.S.C. §3006A(e)(3)]

(2) See § 10.2 for the procedures for obtaining authorization.

(b) Requirements. Any payment to an expert in excess of the statutory maximum requires:

(1) A declaration from the appointed attorney justifying the payment;

(2) Certification by the trial judge authorizing payment; and

(3) Approval by the Chief Judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit (or designated circuit judge).

(c) Attorneys Declaration. The justification declaration from the appointed attorney must set forth the reasons for the expert service requested, including:

(1) Basis for excess payment if the amount requested for any expert exceeds the maximum amount that may be approved by a district judge or magistrate judge [See Appendix 9 for maximums and approval levels];

(2) Name and address of the expert and the expert's specialty, e.g., an investigator, a forensic pathologist;

(3) Hourly rate; and

(4) Projected total hours expended with a justification for that total.

§ 8.4 *No Payments in Excess of Amount Authorized.*

(a) **Authorized Amount.**

(1) All expert expenditures require pre-authorization by the judge. The court will normally approve the appropriate rate of compensation and set a cap for the total expenditure authorized.

(2) See § 10.2 for the procedure for obtaining authorization.

(b) **Responsibilities of Counsel.**

(1) Upon approval of funds for investigative services, experts or other services, the appointed attorney is responsible for providing a copy of the authorization order to the service provider and communicating with the service provider to ensure that services comply with specific terms of the court order and do not exceed the amount authorized.

(2) An Information Sheet for Experts and Other Service Providers, which can be given to any provider, outlining the terms of appointment and process for submitting vouchers is contained in [Appendix 14](#).

(3) Claims in excess of the maximum amount that may be expended without prior court approval [See [Appendix 9](#)] or exceeding the amount authorized by the judge will not be paid.

[A] The attorney will be advised of the amount that cannot be reimbursed and instructed to request additional funding authorization.

[B] If authorization is subsequently granted, a new voucher may be submitted for the uncompensated amount.

§ 8.5 *Expert and Service Provider Vouchers.*

(a) **Necessity of Funding Order.** The funding order must be attached to the voucher requesting payment for those services. ***Without a funding order, the voucher will be returned to the attorney by the CJA Administrator and will not be paid.***

(b) **Responsibilities of Counsel.** Appointed attorneys are responsible for requiring experts and other service providers to submit invoices that are sufficiently detailed to permit review in a manner similar to that required of appointed attorneys.

(1) The appointed attorney must review the expert's or other service provider's invoice and voucher to ensure the expert's or service provider's claim is consistent with the appointed attorney's instructions and accurately reflects the services actually rendered.

(2) By signing the attorney certification on the CJA 21 or CJA 31, the appointed attorney certifies the validity and appropriateness of the services provided.

(3) Attorneys are not authorized to pre-pay experts or other service providers and request later reimbursement.

(4) All expert and other service provider expenses must be submitted on a separate CJA 21 or 31.

§ 8.6 *Investigators.*

(1) The maximum presumptively reasonable rate for investigators is \$75.00 per hour.²

(2) If compensation is sought at a rate higher than the presumptive rate, an explanation of the reasonableness and necessity for a higher rate, *e.g.*, special skill(s) possessed (*e.g.*, proficiency in a relevant foreign language or unique experience/training) and its(their) application to the case, must be attached to the voucher or the request for authorization.

§ 8.7 *Interpreters.*

(a) **In-Court Interpreters.**

(1) In-court interpreters are paid for by the Clerk of the Court. Appointed attorneys should contact the assigned Case Management Clerk when it is anticipated that a court interpreter's services may be needed.

(2) [A] A courtroom interpreter hired by the Clerk whose services are not needed in the courtroom may be used by the appointed attorney for out-of-court CJA services for the remainder of the period for which the interpreter's services were contracted and are to be paid by the Clerk of the Court. [NOTE: The interpreter may not bill CJA for those services because the Clerk is already providing compensation.]

[B] A certified court interpreter whose travel to the District of Alaska for in-court interpretation has been provided by the Clerk of the Court may extend the duration of the stay in Alaska to provide out-of-court services to appointed attorneys with payment for additional time and expenses to be billed through CJA with prior authorization.

[C] See § 10.2 for the procedure for obtaining prior approval.

(b) **CJA Rate for Out-of-Court Interpreting Services.**

(1) [A] The Clerk's rate is not to be used for interpreter services billed through CJA.

[B] Any rate in excess of \$40.00 per hour (services and travel time) for Language Skilled (Non-Certified) Interpreters or \$50.00 per hour (services and travel time) for Certified and Professionally Qualified Interpreters requires a supporting statement establishing that the higher rate is reasonably necessary.

[C] See § 10.2 for the procedure for obtaining prior approval.

(2) The interpreter is entitled to travel expenses.

(3) All interpreter expenses are to be billed on a CJA 21 or CJA 31.

(c) **Payment.**

(1) If the hiring of an interpreter is a one-time expense, it may be billed by the interpreter immediately. If the attorney anticipates a continuing need for interpreter services, a funding order must be obtained in accordance with the provisions regarding expert or other services.

² For services rendered prior to May 1, 2009, the maximum rate is \$65.00/hour.

(2) Interpretive services include both oral interpretation and translation with a written product. The appointed attorney should clarify in the request for funding authorization the portion of "interpretation" or "translation" anticipated.

§ 8.8 *Psychiatrists, Psychologists.* CJA funds are used to pay for psychiatric and related services obtained in accordance with 18 U.S.C. § 3006A(e) upon a determination that the services are "necessary for an adequate defense." These are "defense" services, where the defendant selects the expert and controls the disclosure of the expert's report. It is important to note that psychiatrists and related experts may be used in many circumstances in which payment is made from a source *other* than the CJA appropriation. In these situations the court or the government selects the expert, and persons other than the defendant also have access to the expert's report. The Department of Justice (DOJ) generally pays for these "non-defense" services. A summary of payment responsibility for the various circumstances in which psychiatric and related services are utilized is contained in [Appendix 15](#).

§ 8.9 *Depositions.*

(a) **Cases in Which the United States is a Party.** Payment of expenses for depositions in cases in which the United States is a party are governed by Rule 15, Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure.

(b) **Cases in Which the United States is not a Party.**

(1) [A] The appointed attorney submits a Motion for Order Directing Payment of Transcripts and Expenses by the United States Marshal.

[B] See § 10.2 for the procedure for obtaining prior approval.

(2) Upon receipt of the signed order authorizing payment, the invoices and a certified copy of the order is sent to the Office of the United States Marshal, who prepares a SF1034 voucher and transmits payment directly to the vendor.

§ 8.10 *Transcripts of Proceedings in District Court Cases.*

(a) **Payment in General.**

(1) Fees for transcripts furnished in criminal proceedings to persons proceeding under the Criminal Justice Act are paid on a CJA 24 by the United States out of CJA funds appropriated for that purpose.

(2) When a transcript is paid for by the United States, the court reporter may not require any party requesting the transcript to prepay an estimated fee in advance.

(3) The court reporter will not commence transcription services until the CJA 24 has been approved by the presiding judge.

(b) **Format.** The court reporter must prepare each transcript in the format prescribed by the U.S. Judicial Conference and may not exceed the rates for transcripts established by the Judicial Conference in effect at the time the authorization was made.

(c) **Multi-Defendant Cases.** In multi-defendant cases involving CJA defendants, no more than one transcript should be purchased from the court reporter on behalf of all CJA defendants.

(1) One of the appointed attorneys should then arrange for duplication, at commercially competitive rates, of enough copies of the transcript for each CJA defendant for whom a transcript has been approved.

(2) The cost of duplication will be charged to the CJA appropriation. This policy does not preclude the court reporter furnishing duplication services at a commercially competitive rate.

§ 8.11 *Procedure for Requesting a Transcript.*

(a) **Completion of CJA Form 24.** Refer to Appendix 16 entitled “Instructions for Completing CJA Form 24, Authorization and Voucher for Payment of Transcript.” Follow the detailed instructions for completing Items 1-14.

(1) If special authorizations are requested in Item 14, attach a detailed justification.

(2) Sign, date and complete Item 15.

(b) **Processing.**

(1) The appointed attorney:

[A] Submits the completed CJA 24 to the Clerk’s Office for submission to the presiding judge for approval in Item 16, and Item 14 if special authorization(s) is(are) requested in Item 13; and

[B] Transmits a copy by facsimile to the CJA Administrator.

(2) [A] Following approval, the Clerk’s Office will forward the voucher to the court reporter.

[B] The court reporter will prepare the transcript, fill out Items 17-21 on the voucher, and return the transcript and the voucher to the Clerk of the Court.

[C] The Clerk of the Court will check the transcript for accuracy, sign Item 22, and notify the appointed attorney that the transcript is ready for pick-up at the clerk’s office.

(3) When the appointed attorney picks up the transcript, a copy of the completed CJA 24 and invoice will be issued by the Clerk’s Office to the CJA Administrator for processing for payment.

(c) **Billing and Payment.**

(1) Ordinarily, the court reporter should bill the court directly for transcript services.

(2) [A] In the rare circumstance where the appointed attorney has paid for the transcript, reimbursement may be sought by listing the attorney’s name as the payee in Item 18 of the CJA 24.

[B] A copy of the receipt or both the front and back of the canceled check should be attached showing payment was made to the court reporter.

§ 8.12 *Transcripts for Appeals.*

(a) **Policy.** Judicial Conference policy states: "It is the sense of the Conference that a substantial number of criminal appeals can be fairly conducted without a full transcript of all testimony and proceedings. . . . All counsel should be required to exhaust all efforts to perfect appeals without full trial transcripts, by use of such traditional devices as preparation of limited

transcripts, and preparation of an agreed statement or other summary of the evidence." (*Report of the Proceedings of the Judicial Conference of the United States*, October 1971, pages 61-62.)

(b) **Processing for Payment.**

(1) Complete the CJA 24 as provided in ¶ 8.11(a).

(2) Processing of the CJA 24 is as provided in ¶ 8.11(b).

§ 8.13 *Recordings of Proceedings in Magistrate Judge Cases.*

(a) **No Fee.** There is no fee for reproduction of audio tapes or CDs needed in connection with a CJA case.

(b) **Written Transcript.** If the appointed attorney requires a written transcript of the audio tape or CD, Items 1-14 of the CJA 24, Authorization and Voucher for Payment of Transcript Form must be completed and submitted as provided in § 8.11. The following additional steps should be noted.

(1) In Item 13 of the CJA 24, in addition to the description of the proceedings to be transcribed, note that the proceedings are to be transcribed from audio tape or CD.

(2) The appointed attorney should complete and attach a copy of the completed Tape Order Form (AO 436 available from the CJA Administrator, the Clerk's Office, or can be down-loaded from the web site) to the CJA 24. This will alert the Clerk's Office that when the CJA 24 is approved by the presiding judge, the form should be returned to the attorney rather than a court reporter as described below.

(3) Following approval, the Clerk's Office will return the CJA 24 to the attorney, who may select the transcription service of the attorney's choice. The transcription service completes item 17.

(4) The appointed attorney should then sign and date Item 22 to verify receipt of the transcript and approval of the cost and forward it to the CJA Administrator for processing for payment.

(c) **Cost Comparison.** The appointed attorney should consider and compare the cost of a written transcript to the cost of any hourly fees that would be incurred to review the audio tape or CD, and select the method of least cost to the government.

§ 8.14 *Non-Court Transcript.* Written transcripts from discovery (depositions) or other non-court sources are treated as any other expense and, if in excess of the maximum amount that may be expended without prior court approval [see Appendix 9], prior authorization must be obtained from the court. [See § 10.2 for the procedure for obtaining prior approval.]

PART IX — APPOINTED ATTORNEY & EXPERT TRAVEL

§ 9.1 *Travel Time.*

(a) **General.**

(1) Compensation will be approved for time spent for necessary and reasonable travel. Ordinarily, allowable time for travel includes only those hours actually spent *in or awaiting transit*.

(2) For further clarification on travel time, refer to the *Guide to Judiciary Policies and Procedures*, Volume VII, Chapter II, ¶ 2.26.

(b) Method of Travel.

(1) Travel must be by the method of transportation that will result in the greatest advantage to the court, cost and other factors considered. In selecting a particular mode of transportation to be used, the traveler should consider energy conservation, total cost to the court, including cost of subsistence and fees, and actual transportation costs.

(2) Travel must be by the most expeditious means of transportation practicable and commensurate with the nature and purpose of the duties of the individual requiring travel.

(3) Travel, other than local, by common carrier (air, rail, or bus) will generally result in the most efficient use of energy resources and in the least costly and most expeditious performance of travel and a common carrier is to be used whenever it is reasonably available.

(4) If rail, bus or other means is selected as a personal preference, and is more costly (including travel time) than air, reimbursement will be limited to actual expenses not to exceed constructive costs of travel by air.

(c) Appointed Attorney Time.

(1) Travel time is to be recorded in the Out-of-Court section of the CJA 20 Form, Item 16(d) or the Travel section of the CJA 30 Form, Item 15(l).

(2) [A] On the Out-of-Court Time Worksheet, travel time must include a description of the purpose of the travel, the points between which travel was made, and, for travel other than by common carrier, the mileage between the points.

[B] Time for a trip involving a round trip or trip between three or more points all occurring on the same day may be aggregated as a single entry.

(d) **Experts and Investigators.** Travel time for experts and investigators should be claimed under compensation on the CJA 21 or 31, Item 16(a).

(e) **Travel Time Guidelines (Non-Local).** The following guidelines apply to non-local travel.

(1) If travel is by commercial air:

[A] For interstate airlines, including intrastate travel on interstate airlines, the time between the point of departure and the destination shown on the itinerary or carrier's published schedule, plus not more than two and one-half (2.5) hours;

[B] For intrastate scheduled commuter airlines, the time between the point of departure and the destination shown on the itinerary or carrier's published schedule, plus not more than one and one-half (1.5) hour; and

[C] For travel by air taxi, the time between the point of departure and the destination shown on the itinerary or carrier's published tariff, plus not more than one (1.0) hour.

(2) If travel is by other common carrier, e.g., bus or rail, the time between the point of departure and the destination as shown on the itinerary or carrier's published schedule or tariff, plus not more than one (1) hour

(3) Travel by other than a common carrier, e.g., taxi, foot, shuttle, privately owned vehicle, etc., for each segment of the trip if a round trip or between three or more points, including travel to and from a terminal, depot, or station:

[A] For travel for four (4) miles or less, two-tenths (0.2) of an hour; and

[B] For travel more than four (4) miles, two-tenths (0.2) of an hour plus one-tenth (0.1) an hour for each four (4) miles, or fraction thereof, traveled in excess of four (4) miles.

(4) Travel time of more than eight (8) hours in any one day will not be approved in the absence of extraordinary circumstances.

(f) **Local Travel Time.** For travel within the Greater Anchorage Area, Fairbanks, Juneau, Ketchikan and Nome, the following guidelines apply.

(1) For attorneys with offices located in Metropolitan Anchorage (downtown, midtown) for round-trip travel to and from:

[A] The U.S. Courthouse in Anchorage or a detention facility in the Anchorage Metropolitan area, four-tenths (0.4) of an hour;

[B] A detention facility in Eagle River, eight-tenths (0.8) of an hour; or

[C] A detention facility in the Matanuska-Susitna Borough, one and six-tenths (1.6) of an hour.

(2) For attorneys with offices located in Eagle River or Chugiak for round-trip travel to and from:

[A] The U.S. Courthouse in Anchorage or a detention facility in the Anchorage Metropolitan area, eight-tenths (0.8) of an hour;

[B] A detention facility in Eagle River, four-tenths (0.4) of an hour; or

[C] A detention facility in the Matanuska-Susitna Borough, eight-tenths (0.8) of an hour.

(3) For attorneys with offices in the Matanuska-Susitna Borough for round-trip travel to and from:

[A] The U.S. Courthouse in Anchorage or a detention facility in the Anchorage Metropolitan area, one and six-tenths (1.6) of an hour;

[B] A detention facility in Eagle River, eight-tenths (0.8) of an hour; or

[C] A detention facility in the Matanuska-Susitna Borough, four-tenths (0.4) of an hour.

(4) For attorneys with offices in Fairbanks, for round trip travel to and from the U.S. Courthouse in Fairbanks, four-tenths (0.4) of an hour.

(5) For attorneys with offices in Juneau, for round trip travel to and from the U.S. Courthouse in Juneau, four-tenths (0.4) of an hour.

(6) For attorneys with offices in Ketchikan, for round trip travel to and from the U.S. Courthouse in Ketchikan, four-tenths (0.4) of an hour.

(7) For attorneys with offices in Nome, for round trip travel to and from the U.S. Courthouse in Nome, four-tenths (0.4) of an hour.

(g) Allocation of Travel Time.

(1) In cases where travel involves, is on behalf of, or benefits any person other than the represented party as well as the represented party, the travel time for the trip must be allocated *pro rata* between the represented party and the other person(s).

(2) A statement identifying the person(s) other than the represented party and the amount allocated to the person(s) must be attached to the worksheet.

(h) Other Use of Travel Time.

(1) Time spent on matters other than travel while in travel status is to be a separate item on the worksheet and clearly denoted as work accomplished while in travel status.

(2) Compensation may **not** be claimed for time spent on other matters where the attorney claims compensation for travel time covering the same time period.

§ 9.2 *How to Claim Expenses.* For guidance in claiming daily travel expenses on the CJA voucher, refer to the instructions for the appropriate form of CJA 20, 21, 30 or 31. [NOTE: When submitting a voucher with trip expenses, use the Travel Expense Worksheet ([Appendix 5](#)) and organize the expenses and receipts by date incurred.]

§ 9.3 *Mileage, Tolls and Parking.*

(a) **Daily Travel.** Daily travel does not require prior authorization.

(b) **Privately Owned Vehicle.** Travel by privately owned automobile is reimbursable at the rate currently prescribed for federal judiciary employees who use an automobile for the conduct of official business.

(c) Other Reimbursable Costs.

(1) Other reimbursable costs are parking fees, ferry boat fares, and bridge/road/tunnel tolls.

(2) Other means of transportation are to be claimed on an actual expense basis.

§ 9.4 *Air and Overnight Travel.*

(a) **Advance Approval Required.** All overnight travel and all travel by air where the cost will exceed \$150.00 must have advance judicial approval on an *Ex Parte* Travel Request and Order [see [Appendix 17](#) for a sample form]. This Travel Request and Order combines the judge's authorization to travel and approval for funding.

(b) **Government Rates.** CJA appointed attorneys and experts are allowed and encouraged to take advantage of government rates for travel.

(1) A special account has been established with National Travel Service (NTS) that will facilitate direct billing to the government of the authorized airfare. NTS may be contacted at any time at 1-800-445-0668 to obtain travel cost quotes.

(2) [A] If air travel expenditures cannot be made at government rates, reimbursement to the attorney or expert for the travel costs will be limited to the amount of the government rate. Government tickets are refundable due to loss, change or cancellation.

[B] If the traveler uses a non-government rate and loses the tickets or needs to change or cancel the reservations, the traveler is liable for the cost which is not reimbursable under CJA. Therefore, use of NTS is strongly encouraged.

(c) **Request and Processing.** The attorney must state on the *Ex Parte* Travel Request and Order the purpose, itinerary, duration and estimated expenses for the trip.

(1) In the absence of exigent circumstances beyond the control of the attorney, the completed Travel Request and Order must be submitted to the CJA Administrator not less than three (3) business days before the date travel is to commence.

(2) Travelers must travel by coach or economy class; any other arrangements must be detailed and specifically ordered by the court.

(3) If approved, the court will transmit the Travel Request Form to the CJA Administrator.

[A] The CJA Administrator will transmit the approved Travel Request and Order ([Appendix 17](#)) and Travel Authorization ([Appendix 18](#)) to the appointed attorney, which will enable the traveler to contact NTS and make travel arrangements at government rates.

[B] If the appointed attorney is not the traveler, it is the appointed attorney's responsibility to transmit the Travel Request and Order to the traveler.

(d) **Unused Tickets.** If for any reason the traveler is unable to use the airline tickets issued by NTS, it is the traveler's responsibility to immediately return to NTS the unused tickets with a letter explaining why the tickets were not used.

(1) Provide the CJA Administrator with copies of the unused airline tickets and the letter.

(2) Unless the unused tickets are fully accounted for, the reimbursement voucher will not be processed.

(e) **Non-Government Special Fares.**

(1) [A] Other special, excursion, and reduced rate round-trip fares for official travel may be used (in lieu of government-contract fares and regular coach) when the traveler can determine prior to the start of a trip that this type of service is practical and more economical to the Court.

[B] Liability for penalties or costs for changes or cancellation over which the traveler had control will accrue to the traveler if a change or cancellation is due to personal preferences.

(2) [A] When attorneys or experts arrange their own travel without using the government rate, reimbursement will not exceed the contracted government coach fare.

[B] The traveler must obtain from NTS and append to the Travel Expense Worksheet a statement of the applicable government fare.

(3) Reimbursement will be for the common carrier that is the most efficient, expeditious, and advantageous to the Court.

(f) **Travel Route.**

(1) [A] All travel must be by the usually-traveled most direct route.

[B] Reimbursement for travel by other routes will be made only when the traveler establishes official necessity.

(2) [A] When a traveler for the traveler's convenience travels by an indirect route or interrupts travel by direct route, the traveler will bear the extra expense.

[B] Reimbursement will be made only for the expenses the traveler would have incurred on the usually-traveled route.

(g) Rental Cars.

(1) Travel expenses are limited to those reasonably necessary; reimbursement for rental cars will normally be limited to situations where the use of shuttles, taxis or public transportation is either unavailable, or, under all the facts and circumstances, unfeasible or uneconomical.

(2) Travelers must exercise prudence in the selection of the least expensive rental vehicle necessary to adequately perform the official travel. The court will not reimburse:

[A] Personal Accident Insurance (PAI) or Personal Effects Coverage (PEC) for rental automobiles; or

[B] Add-ons or upgrades when renting an automobile, or for the excessive cost of refueling a rental car at the rental agency.

(3) A claim for rental car expenses must be supported by a statement establishing the reasonableness and necessity for the use of rental vehicle.

(h) Frequent Traveler Programs. Travelers are permitted to participate in frequent traveler programs for official travel. Section 1116 of the fiscal year 2002 National Defense Authorization Act, Public Law No. 107-107, allows federal contractors including CJA attorneys and experts to make personal use of frequent flyer mileage and similar travel bonuses arising from official travel. Section 1116 applies even with respect to such benefits received before the date of its enactment (12/28/2001), as well as on and after that date.

§ 9.5 Meals and Lodging/Per Diem Rates.

(a) Expenses in Excess of Federal Per Diem Rates. If the actual expenses incurred for meals and lodging while on overnight travel outside of the city/borough of the traveler's residence in the course of a CJA representation exceed the prevailing limitations governing travel and subsistence expenses of federal judiciary employees, an explanation for the reasonableness and necessity of the excess expenses must be attached.

(1) Since the amount allowable is dependent upon the place of travel, consult with the CJA Administrator for specific per diem rates.

(2) [A] Expenses of subsistence include all reasonable charges for meals (maximum three per day); lodging; all fees and tips to waiters, porters, and hotel maids; and necessary cleaning and pressing of clothing while staying at the hotel; (specifically excluded are alcoholic beverages and entertainment expenses, e.g., in-room movies, and any expenses incurred for other persons).

[B] Expenses other than for meals or lodging, e.g., taxi fares, rental car charges, mileage, etc., are not included in the per diem rate and may be claimed without regard to the per diem limitation, if receipts are provided.

(b) **Meals.**

(1) Meals are generally reimbursable only when overnight travel is authorized.

(2) "Overnight travel" for the purpose of this subsection includes travel from points in the State of Alaska to outside the State of Alaska where the travel is on a flight departing between midnight and six o'clock a.m., even if the traveler returns on the same day as the day of departure.

§ 9.6 *Travel Expense Documentation.*

(a) **Necessary Attachments to Voucher.** Upon submission of the CJA 20, 21, 30 or 31 voucher that covers reimbursement for the period of the authorized trip, copies of the tickets, passenger receipt, and itinerary must be attached to the voucher.

(1) A copy of the passenger receipt must be appended to the voucher together with a copy of the itinerary or published schedule showing departure and arrival times, as well as lay-over times at any way-point.

(2) If using an e-ticket, the itinerary showing the e-ticket designation must be attached to the voucher.

(b) **Worksheet.** When submitting a voucher with trip expenses, use the Travel Expense Worksheet ([Appendix 5](#)) and organize expenses and receipts by date.

(c) **Receipts Required.** With the exception of tips and mileage calculations, receipts must be submitted with the voucher for all travel (including to and from the court) and subsistence expenses regardless of the amount incurred. ***Credit card receipts and billings are not acceptable.***

PART X — AUTHORIZATION OF EXPENDITURES

§ 10.1 *Initial Authorization.* The initial appointment authorizes expenditure for attorneys fees with ceilings varied by type of case as provided in Volume VII of *Guide to Judiciary Policy & Procedures*. The details in Volume VII include the guidelines for allowable attorney fees. For example, travel time where no other expense will be claimed is generally allowable without prior authorization order. The initial appointment also authorizes expenditure for other allowable expenses not more than the maximum amount that may be expended without prior court approval in total. [See Appendix 9 for maximum amounts and approval levels.]

§ 10.2 *Additional Expenses.*

(a) **Pre-Authorization Required.** Funding for any other expenses should be pre-authorized by motion for an order.

(1) The appointed attorney submits the motion referencing "Pursuant to CJA" in the title to the CJA Administrator.

(2) The CJA Administrator will review the motion for compliance with the requirements of applicable rules, *CJA Guidelines* and this policy manual.

[A] The CJA Administrator will return to the appointed attorney for correction and re-submission any motion that does not comply with the requirements of applicable rules, *CJA Guidelines* or this policy manual.

[B] A motion returned by the CJA Administrator will indicate those items that are not in compliance with applicable regulations, *CJA Guidelines* or this policy manual.

[C] In the event the re-submission by the attorney does not correct the deficiency(ies) noted by the CJA Administrator, the CJA Administrator will attach a memo to the Motion delineating the deficiency(ies) noted before filing the motion with the Clerk of The Court.

(3) The voucher submitted for expenses so authorized must contain a copy of the applicable authorization or funding order.

(b) Funding Orders.

(1) Funding orders signed by a district court judge are considered final and immediately served on the appointed attorney with a copy to the CJA Administrator.

(2) The Clerk of the Court will forward the original signed order to the Chief Judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit (or designated circuit judge) for approval, if necessary, and maintain a copy of the order approved by the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals (or designated circuit judge).

(3) If the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals (or designated circuit judge) disapproves the order, the Clerk's Office will immediately provide a copy of the order to the district judge to permit the judge to contact counsel, terminate further use of the services, or resolve the problem as the court finds appropriate.

(c) Delegation of Authority to Magistrate Judges.

(1) In district judge cases referred to a magistrate judge, unless otherwise ordered by the presiding district judge, the magistrate judge is authorized to approve:

[A] Travel Authorization Requests;

[B] Pre-approval of expenses not to exceed the maximum amount for which district court approval is authorized;

[C] Use of paralegals, law clerks, and law students not to exceed the maximum amount for which district court approval is authorized; and

[D] Funding orders for experts, interpreters, investigators or other service provider not to exceed the maximum amount for which district court approval is authorized.

(2) In any case in which the magistrate judge does not approve the expenditure, the magistrate judge will prepare and submit a report and recommendation.

(d) Failure to Obtain Prior Approval. An appointed attorney expending funds without prior authorization, does so at the risk of no reimbursement.

PART XI — 1099 REPORTING

The Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997 requires that the court track and report to the IRS all payments made to CJA appointed attorneys, regardless of the amount. This will be done by obtaining the Social Security number of the appointed attorney at the time of appointment, however, the Social Security number has been removed from the new CJA 20 and CJA 30 forms to protect the attorneys' privacy. If the attorney has a pre-existing agreement with his/her law firm, the 1099 will

still be reported under the law firm's tax identification number and not the attorney's number. All payments, regardless of amount, including expenses reimbursed, are subject to reporting.

In certain circumstances, income should more appropriately be included on an employer's 1099 instead of the 1099 for a service provider, *e.g.*, paralegal or investigator who is actually in the employ of an attorney. Contact the CJA Administrator in these circumstances to ensure the 1099 reporting will be reflected correctly.

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Associate (in-House)						
Outside Counsel						
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INSTRUCTIONS/GUIDELINES FOR COMPLETING CJA WORKSHEETS

Worksheets **must**: (1) be legible; and (2) contain sufficient detail to support an audit and review by the CJA Administrator and the courts. Standard form worksheets have been developed to assist the CJA attorney in preparing vouchers and are to be used. These worksheets are: (1) In-Court Worksheet; (2) Out-of-Court Worksheet; (3) Travel Expense Worksheet; (4) Expense Worksheet (Non-Travel); (5) Associate Worksheet; and (6) Paraprofessional/Law Clerk Worksheet. There are two versions of interactive worksheets available on-line on the court website www.akd.uscourts.gov: (1) WordPerfect® format and (2) Adobe Acrobat® portable document format (“pdf”). These interactive worksheets will perform the mathematical computations automatically and their use is encouraged to reduce the chances of mathematical error.

In making entries on the worksheets, the following should be observed:

Enter dates as mm/dd/yr, e.g., 2/21/03 or 12/5/03. [NOTE: Entries in all worksheets must be in chronological order.]

Enter monetary amounts in dollars and cents **without** the currency sign, e.g., 10.12 or 22.20.

Enter all time in increments of a tenth of an hour, e.g., 2.3 or 1.7.

In-Court Worksheet: This worksheet is to be used to report in-courttime expended by the appointed attorney. The worksheet is divided into categories that coincide with the in-court categories on the CJA 20 Voucher. ***Each entry must reflect discrete individual tasks and not simply list multiple tasks performed in a specified block of time.*** [NOTE: “In-court” time is limited to time actually spent in court; it does not include travel time to and from court or time spent preparing for a court hearing or trial; those times are reported as separate items on the Out-of-Court Worksheet.]

“USDC Case No.” — Insert the case number of the case.

“USDC Case Name” — Insert the name of the defendant. If a multiple defendant case, insert in the first named defendant followed by the name of the defendant represented in parens or brackets.

“Date” — Insert the date the service was rendered in mm/dd/yr format.

“Brief Description of Services” — Provide a description of court hearing or proceeding attended.

Example 1: Hrg on MTS (Pre-Arrest seizure of paraphernalia)

Example 2: Trial (Day 2)

Example 3: Detention hrg/3rd party release

Select the appropriate classification for the service rendered and enter the time expended for that service in increments of a tenth of an hour in the corresponding box.

Total the time expended in each category and the time spent in-court in all categories, and enter the totals in the corresponding boxes. [NOTE: *The interactive worksheets perform this computation automatically.*]

Out-of-Court Worksheet: This worksheet is to be used to report out-of-court time expended by the appointed attorney for which compensation is claimed. The worksheet is divided into categories that coincide with the out-of-court categories on the CJA 20 Voucher. *Each entry must reflect discrete individual tasks and not simply list multiple tasks performed in a specified block of time.*

“USDC Case No.” — Insert the case number of the case.

“USDC Case Name” — Insert the name of the defendant. If a multiple defendant case, insert in the first named defendant followed by the name of the defendant represented in parens or brackets.

“Date” — Insert the date the service was rendered in mm/dd/yr format.

“Brief Description of Services” — Provide a description of services provided in sufficient detail for the reviewing judicial officer to determine the reasonableness of the time expended in relation to the service provided.

- ★ For travel, include the places between which travel occurred and, if travel by other than common carrier, the distance in miles between the points traveled, and purpose of travel.

Example: Tvl to Seward & return to visit scene & interview witness M. Zarbo [126 miles each way]

- ★ Identify documents reviewed, including transcripts and pleadings, by title and page numbers; and, if necessary for an understanding of the task, explanation of its relevance to the federal proceedings.

Example 1: Review statements of witness (R. Green & T. Sawitall); note contradictory/inconsistent points [75 pages]

Example 2: Review trans of testimony of arresting officer at 7/11/03 MTS [11 pages]

Example 3: Review PSR [37 pages]

- ★ Identify documents and pleadings prepared by title and nature of the issues presented.

Example 1: Prepare MTS & memo of law re: paraphernalia seized in police raid

Example 2: Prepare reply to opp to MTD re: STA violation

- ★ Identify witnesses interviewed (if in the opinion of the appointed attorney it is inappropriate to provide the name of a witness, identification by type of witness, e.g., “guilt phase witness #1” is sufficient) and topic of interview (a simple description of the general topic of discussion, not specific details, is required).

Example: Visit scene w/ and obtain stmt of M. Zarbo re: Observations in relation to actual on-site characteristics.

Example 2: Interview alibi wit #2 re: Date, time and place

- ★ Identify persons involved in telephone conversations or conferences and topics discussed (a simple description of the general topic of discussion, not specific details, is required).

Example 1: T/c AUSA re: Potential plea bargain

Example 2: Conf w/ D. Brown (atty for co-def White): M. Zabo stmt impact; coordinate use of arson investigator/expert

Example 3: Review and discuss PSR w/ def

★ For legal research, identify specific issues or topics researched.

Example: Research extent of "special maritime jurisdiction" w/i scope of 18 USC 81

Select the appropriate classification for the service rendered and enter the time in increments of a tenth of an hour in the corresponding box.

Total the time expended in each category and the time spent out-of-court in all categories, and enter the totals in the corresponding boxes. [NOTE: *The interactive worksheets perform this function automatically.*]

Attach all necessary explanatory materials. For example, justification is required if the time expended exceeds the following guidelines.

1. Document review time is less than 60 pages/hour.

2. If travel is by commercial air:

[A] For interstate airlines, including intra-state travel on interstate airlines, the time between the point of departure and the destination shown on the itinerary or carrier's published schedule, plus not more than two and one-half (2.5) hours;

[B] For intrastate scheduled commuter airlines, the time between the point of departure and the destination shown on the itinerary or carrier's published schedule, plus not more than one and one-half (1.5) hour; and

[C] For travel by airtaxi, the time between the point of departure and the destination shown on the itinerary or carrier's published tariff, plus not more than one (1.0) hour.

3. If travel is by other common carrier, e.g., bus or rail, the time between the point of departure and the destination as shown on the itinerary or carrier's published, plus not more than one (1) hour.

4. Non-local travel by other than a common carrier, e.g., taxi, shuttle, privately owned vehicle, etc., for each segment of the trip if a round trip or between three or more points:

[A] For travel for four miles or less, two-tenths of an hour; and

[B] For travel more than four miles, two-tenths of an hour plus one-tenth an hour for each four miles, or fraction thereof, traveled in excess of four miles.

5. For attorneys with offices located in Metropolitan Anchorage (downtown, midtown) for travel to and from:

[A] The U.S. Courthouse in Anchorage or a detention facility in the Anchorage Metropolitan area, four-tenths (0.4) of an hour;

[B] A detention facility in Eagle River, eight-tenths (0.8) of an hour; or

[C] A detention facility in the Matanuska-Susitna Borough, one and six-tenths (1.6) of an hour.

6. For attorneys with offices located in Eagle River or Chugiak for travel to and from:

[A] The U.S. Courthouse in Anchorage or a detention facility in the Anchorage Metropolitan area, eight-tenths (0.8) of an hour;

[B] A detention facility in Eagle River, four-tenths (0.4) of an hour; or

[C] A detention facility in the Matanuska-Susitna Borough, eight-tenths (0.8) of an hour.

7. For attorneys with offices in the Matanuska-Susitna Borough for travel to and from:

[A] The U.S. Courthouse in Anchorage or a detention facility in the Anchorage Metropolitan area, one and six-tenths (1.6) of an hour;

[B] A detention facility in Eagle River, eight-tenths (0.8) of an hour; or

[C] A detention facility in the Matanuska-Susitna Borough, four-tenths (0.4) of an hour.

8. For attorneys with offices in Fairbanks, Juneau, Ketchikan, and Nome, for travel to and from the courthouse located in that locale, four-tenths (0.4) of an hour.

NOTE: *Make sure that a copy of the applicable itinerary, schedule, or published tariff showing the times of departure, arrival and all lay-over times at way points are attached to this worksheet if not attached to the travel expense worksheet.*

Travel Expense Worksheet: This worksheet is to be used to report all travel or travel-related expenses for which compensation is claimed.

“USDC Case No.” — Insert the case number of the case.

“USDC Case Name” — Insert the name of the defendant. If a multiple defendant case, insert in the first named defendant followed by the name of the defendant represented in parens or brackets.

“Date” — Insert the date the expense was incurred in mm/dd/yr format.

Select the appropriate classification for the expense incurred and enter *total* expense incurred in that category on the date in the corresponding box, *e.g.*, if three parking expenses of \$3.00 each were incurred on the same day, the total of \$9.00 is to be entered in the box corresponding to the date in the “Parking/Tolls/Public Trans” column.

Total the expenses incurred in all categories for each day, the entire period by category, and all expenses for all categories and days, and enter the totals in the corresponding boxes. [NOTE: *The interactive worksheets perform this function automatically.*]

Attach copies of all receipts, travel itineraries, schedules, and tickets. Reimbursement will be disallowed for expenses that are not itemized or for which insufficient documentation is provided.

Receipts are *required* for all travel expenses more than \$25.00 and *encouraged* for all expenses less than \$25.00. ***Notwithstanding this policy, receipts are always required for subsistence expenses (as defined in ¶ 9.5(a)(2)[A] of the CJA Compensation Policy Manual).***

Attach all explanatory materials. For example:

- ★ If the costs for meals and lodging exceeds the federal per diem rate, an explanation of the reasonableness and necessity for incurring the excess expenses is required; or
- ★ If the costs of transportation exceeds the applicable government rate, an explanation of the reasonableness and necessity for incurring the additional expense is required.

Attach copies of all funding and/or travel authorization orders.

Expense Worksheet (Non-Travel): This worksheet is used to report all non-travel expenses for which compensation is claimed.

“USDC Case No.” — Insert the case number of the case.

“USDC Case Name” — Insert the name of the defendant. If a multiple defendant case, insert in the first named defendant followed by the name of the defendant represented in parens or brackets.

“Date” — Insert the date the expense was incurred in mm/dd/yr format.

Select the appropriate classification for the expense incurred and enter the expense in the corresponding box.

“Postage/Delivery” — Charges for special delivery, *e.g.*, UPS, FedEx, DHL, express mail, or messenger are included in this category.

“In-House Copies” — insert the number of pages copied, the charge per copy (not to exceed \$0.15), and the total charges (number of copies multiplied by the per copy charge). [NOTE: if using an interactive worksheet, the total charges are computed automatically.]

“Outside Copying” — insert the number of pages copied and the total charge as shown on the invoice.

Total the expenses incurred in each category and the all expenses in all categories, and enter in the corresponding boxes. [NOTE: *The interactive worksheets perform this function automatically.*]

Attach copies of all required receipts. Reimbursement will be disallowed for expenses that are not itemized or for which insufficient documentation is provided.

Receipts are *required* for all non-travel expenses more than \$50.00 and *encouraged* for all expenses less than \$50.00. ***Notwithstanding this policy, receipts are always required for the following:***

1. Outside copying regardless of the amount; and
2. Premium delivery and messenger services, *e.g.*, Federal Express, UPS, *etc.*;

Attach any necessary explanations, e.g., necessity for special delivery services.

Attach copies of all funding orders.

Associate Worksheet: To be used to report all time (in-court and out-of-court) expended in connection with the appointment by associated attorneys in the same firm for which compensation is claimed. The worksheet is divided into categories that coincide with the in-court and out-of-court categories on the CJA 20 Voucher for which the use of associates is authorized.

“USDC Case No.” — Insert the case number of the case.

“USDC Case Name” — Insert the name of the defendant. If a multiple defendant case, insert in the first named defendant followed by the name of the defendant represented in parens or brackets.

“Name” — Insert the name of the associate who performed the services. [NOTE: A separate worksheet must be prepared for each associate performing services for which compensation is claimed.]

“Date” — Insert the date the service was rendered in mm/dd/yr format.

“Brief Description of Services” — Provide a description of services provided in sufficient detail for the reviewing judicial officer to determine the reasonableness of the time expended in relation to the service provided. [Follow the guidelines for completion of the attorney’s in-court and out-of-court worksheets.]

Select the appropriate classification for the service rendered and enter the time expended for that service in increments of a tenth of an hour in the corresponding box.

Total the time expended in each category, time spent in-court, and the total time spent out-of-court, and enter the totals in the corresponding boxes. [NOTE: *The interactive worksheets perform this function automatically.*]

Attach copies of all pre-authorization orders.

Paraprofessional/Law Clerk Worksheet: Used to report all time expended by paraprofessionals, law clerks and law students in connection with the appointment for which compensation is claimed. [NOTE: Although the worksheet is divided in categories that coincide with the out-of-court categories on the CJA 20, reimbursement for paraprofessionals, law clerks, and law students is claimed on a CJA 21 or 31, not a CJA 20 or 30.] If the payee is the law firm and submission is made on a single CJA 21/32, a single worksheet may be used for more than one paraprofessional or law clerk.

“USDC Case No.” — Insert the case number of the case.

“USDC Case Name” — Insert the name of the defendant. If a multiple defendant case, insert in the first named defendant followed by the name of the defendant represented in parens or brackets.

“Date” — Insert the date the service was rendered in mm/dd/yr format.

“Name/Rate” — Enter the name of the paraprofessional or law clerk performing the service and the hourly rate of compensation for that person.

“Brief Description of Services” — Provide a description of services provided (sufficient detail for the reviewing judicial officer to determine the reasonableness of the time expended in relation to the service provided). [Follow the guidelines for completion of the attorney’s in-court and out-of-court worksheets.]

Select the appropriate classification for the service rendered and enter the time in increments of a tenth of an hour in the “Time” box.

“Amt” — Multiply the time expended by hourly rate and enter in the “Amt” box. [NOTE: *The interactive worksheets perform this computation automatically.*]

Total the time expended and amounts claimed by all paraprofessionals/law clerks in each category and the time expended and compensation claimed by all paraprofessionals in all categories, and enter in the corresponding box. [NOTE: *The interactive worksheets perform this function automatically.*]

Attach any explanatory materials required, e.g., if the rate is in excess of the presumptive rate, the special skills possessed by the paraprofessional and the application of those skills to the case.

Attach copies of all funding or pre-authorization orders.

WORDPERFECT® INTERACTIVE WORKSHEETS

Completing WordPerfect® interactive worksheets may be used on WordPerfect® 9, or above (they have not been tested on earlier versions). In using the WordPerfect® version of the interactive forms, there are a few points to remember.

1. You may move from one field to the next by either using the “Tab” key or moving the cursor. [Using the “Tab” key will move the cursor one field to the right.]
2. Rows automatically expand as necessary to accommodate the information input; there is no need to adjust row height or to use the enter (return) key if the length of the material being entered exceeds the width of the column.
3. Rows may be added or deleted at will and the addition or deletion of rows does not affect the computational function. [If the form contains more rows than are required, excess (blank) rows should be deleted to make audit and review easier.]
4. In “time” boxes there is no need to enter a “zero” before or after a decimal point. The form is formatted for a single digit after a whole number and will add the “zero” before or after a decimal if no number is inserted, *e.g.*, entry of the number 7 will appear as 7.0 and entry of .7 will appear as 0.7.

5. In “amount” boxes it is also unnecessary to enter a “zero” before a decimal point or the last “zero” after a decimal point. The form is formatted for two digits after a whole number and will add the “zero” before a decimal point or the required “zeros” after the decimal point, *e.g.*, entry of the number 7 will appear as 7.00, entry of 7.1 will appear as 7.10, and entry of .7 will appear as 0.70.
6. In those situations where there are common entries on multi-page forms, entry of the required information in any field is automatically transferred to the repeat identical field. For example, it is only necessary to enter the case number or case name once and it will appear in all case number or case name fields in the form.
7. Fields that are automatically computed display “zeros.”
8. Page numbers and total number of pages is provided automatically.

ACROBAT® INTERACTIVE WORKSHEETS

The Acrobat® version of interactive worksheets may be used on either Adobe Acrobat® or Adobe Acrobat® Reader, 4.0 or higher (5.0 is recommended). If Acrobat® Reader is used, you may complete and print the form, and save the blank form for future use. Acrobat® Reader does not permit changes to the form or saving a completed form. ***Consequently, if using the Acrobat® Reader it is important to print and check the completed form before exiting. Once you exit the form, all data input is lost and only the blank form is available.***

1. Movement from field to field is by using the “Tab” key or placing the curser in the desired field using the curser keys or the mouse. Use of the “Tab” key will move the curser one field to the right or, in the case of the last field in a row, to the first field in the next row. The form is also programmed to skip the automatically computed fields when using the “Tab” key.

In those situations where there are common entries on multi-page forms, entry of the required information in any field is automatically transferred to the identical field elsewhere on the form. For example, it is only necessary to enter the case number or case name once and it will appear in all case number or case name fields in the form.

It is necessary to manually insert the page number and total number of pages.

1. Fields that are automatically computed display “zeros.”
2. ***Caveat:*** Tests of the Acrobat® version of the forms revealed that on occasion the program “skips” a computational step, particularly when the curser is moved from field to field using the mouse, which causes totals to be understated. It is recommended that as a matter of “standard procedure,” after all variable data has been entered a “zero” be placed in one of the unused variable fields and the “Tab” key hit (the “zero” may be later removed if desired). This causes the program to do a complete computation eliminating the “skipped” step.

Unlike the WordPerfect® version, Acrobat® fields **do not** expand to accept more data. Consequently, the amount of data that may inserted in each “Brief Description of Services” field is limited. The maximum data (by number of characters) for the “Brief Description of Services” field in each form is as follows—

In-Court – 115 Characters in two lines

Out-of-Court – 100 Characters in two lines

Expenses (Non-Travel) – 55 Characters in a single line

Associate – 115 Characters in two lines

Paraprofessional/Law Clerk – 120 Characters in two lines

3. If using the Acrobat® Reader, unlike the WordPerfect® version, rows may not be added or deleted at will. The forms were designed assuming the use of the Acrobat® Reader and the number of entries provided should be sufficient to handle most cases. The user having the “full” Adobe Acrobat® may add or delete fields (the interactive forms have not been “locked” to prevent changes). [NOTE: If rows are inserted or deleted, it is necessary to “correct” the formulae for computing totals.]

The number of entries by worksheet is as follows.

In-Court Worksheet – provides 36 separate entries on two pages with the totals appearing on the last page. To use this worksheet, first determine the number of entries to be made. If there are no more than 16 entries, use only the last page.

Out-of-Court Worksheet – provides 50 separate entries on five pages with totals appearing on the last page. To use this worksheet, first determine the number of entries to be made. If there are no more than 10 entries, use page 5 only; if more than 10 but not more than 20, start on page 4; if more than 20 but less than 30, start on page 3; if more than 30 but less than 40, start on page 2; if more than 40, start on the first page.

Travel Expense Worksheet – provides 31 entries on a single page.

Expense (Non-Travel) Worksheet – provides 54 entries on two pages, with totals appearing on the second page. To use this worksheet, first determine the number of entries to be made. If there are no more than 26 entries, use the second page only; if more than 26 entries, start on the first page.

Associate Worksheet – provides for up to 30 entries on two pages, with the totals appearing on the second page. To use this worksheet, first determine the number of entry to be made. If there are no more than 14 entries, use the second page only; if more than 14 entries, start on the first page.

Paraprofessional/Law Clerk Worksheet – provides for up to 18 entries on two pages with the total time and amount for each category and a grand total for time and amount appearing on the last page. To use this worksheet, first determine the number of entries to be made. If there are no more than eight entries, use the second page only; if more than eight, start on the first page.

STANDARD ABBREVIATIONS

Text Abbreviations

acq	acquittal	declar	declaratory
ad pros	ad prosequendum	dft	default
ad test	ad testificandem	def	defendant
aff	affidavit	depo	deposition
a/k/a	also known as	det	detention
alt	alternative	disc	discovery
amend	amendment	dism	dismissed
ans	answer	disp	dispositive
appear	appearance	disq	disqualify
appl	application	DJ	District Judge
appt	appointment	dkt	docket
arr	arraignment	doc	document
assoc	association		
att	attachment	EOP	Entry of plea
atty	attorney	Et al	Et al ("and others")
		evid	evidentiary
brf	brief	exam	examination
		excl	excluded
cal	calendar	exec	executed
certif	certificate	exh	exhibit
clk	clerk	exon	exonerate
CJA	Criminal Justice Act	exped	expedited
COB	close of business	ext	extension
comm	commitment		
cmplt	complaint	fld	filed
conf	conference	fin	final
consec	consecutive	FPTC	final pretrial conference
consid	consideration	FF&CL	Findings of Facts and Conclusions of Law
consol	consolidation		
cont	continued	fug	fugitive
cy	copy of		
cnsl	counsel	govt	government
Ct	count	GJ	Grand Jury
crt	court		
crtmins	court minutes	H/C	Habeas Corpus
		hrg	hearing
DBA	doing business as		
ddl	deadline	I/A	initial appearance
decl	declaration	IOS	Imposition of Sentence

impr	imprisonment	pet	petition
Indt	Indictment	plf	plaintiff
I/P	In forma Pauperis	prej	prejudice
Info	Information	prel	preliminary
inj	injunction	PSR	Presentence Report
instr	instructions	PJ	Presiding Judge
interp	interpreter	PSR	Pre-Trial Services Report
interrog	interrogatories	PTC	Pre-Trial Conference
intv	intervention	ptm	pretrial motion
iss	issued	PTO	Pre-trial Order
		prev	previously
JP	Jury plan	prob	probation
judg	judgment	prop	proposed
		PO	Protective Order
lv	leave	psyc	psychiatric
ltr	letter	publ	publication
		per	pursuant to
MJ	Magistrate Judge	rcpt	receipt
memo	memorandum	recd	received
MO	Minute Order	rec	record
misc	miscellaneous	ref	reference
modif	modify, modification	re:	regarding
mon	month	rls	release
mot	motion	rlsd	released
MTD	Motion to Dismiss	rpt	report
MTS	Motion to Suppress	R&R	Report and Recommendation
NG	not guilty	req	request
NLT	no later than	resp	respondent
nolo	nolo contedere	revoc	revocation
No.	Number		
obj	objection	S&P	Scheduling & Planning
opp	opposition	sent	sentencing
o/a	oral argument	svc	service
ord	order	settl	settlement
O&J#	Order and Judgment Number	stmt	statement
O/R	Own Recognizance	stat	status
		stat rpt	status report
part	partial	stip	stipulation
pty	party	subp	subpoena
perm	permanent	subp d/c	subpoena duces tecum

sub	substitute	unexec	unexecuted
sum	summons		
Sindt	superseding indictment	V	versus
Sinfo	superseding information	vio	violation
SR	supervised release		
STA	Speedy Trial Act	war	warrant
STP	Speedy Trial Plan	w/	with
supp	supplement	w/att	with attached or with
susp	suspended		attachment
		w/d	withdrawn
TBC	trial by court	w/i	within
TBJ	trial by jury	w/o	without
t/c	telephone conference	wit	witness
tele	telephonic		
temp	temporary	yr	year
t/f	telefax (facsimile)		
TRO	Temporary Restraining Order		
trans	transcript		
transp	transportation		
tv1	Travel		

Agency Abbreviations

AAG	Assistant Attorney General	MOA	Municipality of Anchorage
APD	Anchorage Police Department		
AG	Attorney General	NTSB	National Transportation Safety Board
AST	Alaska State Troopers		
AUSA	Assistant U.S. Attorney	SOA	State of Alaska
BOP	Bureau of Prisons		
		TSA	Transportation Safety Administration
DEA	Drug Enforcement Agency		
DOC	Department of Corrections		
DOJ	Department of Justice	USA	United States Attorney
		USDC	United States District Court
EAFB	Elmendorf Air Force Base	USM	United States Marshal
		USPO	United States Probation Office
HSD	Homeland Security Department		
FBI	Federal Bureau of Investigation		
FPD	Federal Public Defender		
FTR	Fort Richardson		

COMPENSATION MAXIMUMS

Type of Charge	Statutory Maximum
Felony Charge	\$ 7,000
Direct Appeal	\$ 5,000
Misdemeanor	\$ 1,700
Non-Capital Habeas Petition	\$ 7,000
Appeal, Non-Capital Habeas Petition	\$ 5,000
18 U.S.C. §4106A parole representation	\$ 1,500
18 U.S.C. §4106A parole appeal	\$ 5,000
Other Representations	\$ 1,500

EXPENSES/EXPERTS

Approval Level	Amount
Without Prior Authorization	\$ 500
Prior Authorization (District Court)	\$ 501 – \$1,600
Circuit Approval Required	> \$ 1,600

NOTE: As amended by §304 of the “Judiciary Appropriations Act of 2005” (PL 108-447) effective December 8, 2004. The increased statutory maxima apply to representation that was not completed before the effective date. For representation completed on or before December 7, 2004, the former statutory maxima apply.

**GUIDANCE TO ATTORNEYS IN DRAFTING THE MEMORANDUM REQUIRED
FOR A COMPENSATION CLAIM IN EXCESS OF THE CASE COMPENSATION MAXIMUM**

Paragraph 2.22 C(2) of the *Guidelines for the Administration of the Criminal Justice Act (CJA Guidelines)*, Volume VII, *Guide to Judiciary Policies and Procedures*, provides:

In any case in which the total compensation claimed is in excess of the statutory case compensation maximum, counsel shall submit with the voucher a detailed memorandum supporting and justifying counsel's claim that the representation given was in an extended or complex case, and that the excess payment is necessary to provide fair compensation.

Paragraph 2.22 B(3) of the *CJA Guidelines* states that a case is complex if the "legal or factual issues...are unusual, thus requiring the expenditure of more time, skill and effort by the lawyer than would normally be required in an average case," and that a case is extended if "more time is reasonably required for total processing than the average case." Paragraph 2.22 B(3) lists the following criteria as useful in determining fair compensation in extended or complex cases: Responsibilities involved measured by the magnitude and importance of the case; manner in which duties were performed; knowledge, skill, efficiency, professionalism, and judgment required of and used by counsel; nature of counsel's practice and injury thereto; any extraordinary pressure of time or other factors under which services were rendered; and any other circumstances relevant and material to a determination of a fair and reasonable fee.

To assist counsel in writing a "detailed memorandum supporting and justifying counsel's claim that the representation given was in an extended or complex case, and that the excess payment is necessary to provide fair compensation," the following topics are provided for counsel's consideration. Some of these issues may not apply to a particular case or may not be noteworthy for this memorandum. Counsel, of course, may address topics other than those listed below.

- ◆ Length of appointment to case; total number of in-court hours, specifying pre-trial hearings, trial, sentencing hearings, and other hearings; and total number of out-of-court hours.
- ◆ Offenses charged; number of counts charged; and other pending cases of defendant during the representation.
- ◆ Number of co-defendants.
- ◆ Length of sentencing hearing; complexity of issues; severity of potential sentence.
- ◆ Discovery materials (nature and volume) and/or discovery practices.

- ◆ Complexity or novelty of legal issues, including motions, legal memoranda, jury instructions, and sentencing documents, or legal research not resulting in such, which were drafted originally for this case (do not include standardized motions, etc., unless content was modified significantly).
- ◆ Investigation and case preparation (e.g., number and accessibility of witnesses interviewed, record collection, document organization).
- ◆ Use of investigative, expert, or other services (CJA 21 voucher).
- ◆ The following client considerations: Communication with client/family; language differences; accessibility of client; other.
- ◆ Any expense (see Item 19 of the CJA 20 voucher) greater than \$500.
- ◆ Any other noteworthy circumstances regarding the case and the representation provided to support this compensation request. Include, if applicable: negotiations with the U.S. Attorney's Office or law enforcement agency; complexity or novelty of legal issues and factual complexity; responsibilities involved measured by the magnitude and importance of the case; manner in which duties were performed and knowledge, skill, efficiency, professionalism and judgment required of and used by counsel; nature of counsel's practice and hardship or injury resulting from the representation; any extraordinary pressure of time or other factors under which services were rendered.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR CJA FORM 20
APPOINTMENT AND AUTHORITY TO PAY COURT APPOINTED COUNSEL

Read these instructions carefully before completing the form. Accuracy and thoroughness will aid in the prompt payment of the claim. If possible, use a typewriter to complete the form; otherwise, write legibly with a ball point pen (preferably black or dark blue ink). [NOTE: Interactive forms are available in the CJA Section of the court's website www.akd.uscourts.gov. If interactive forms are used, be sure to attach it to a copy of the original appointment voucher bearing the signature of the appointing official.] If the form is system generated, Items 1 through 12 and 14 will be preprinted on the form. Attach an itemized statement of the services provided and expenses incurred. Give the date and the number of hours claimed for each service provided. Provide dates for and a description of the expenses incurred. For additional guidance, see the *Guidelines for the Administration of the Criminal Justice Act and Related Statutes (CJA Guidelines)*, Volume VII, *Guide to Judiciary Policies and Procedures*, and the *CJA Compensation Policy Manual* for the District of Alaska (*CJA Manual*), which are available for reference in the Clerk's Office, the Federal Public Defender's Office or accessible on line at the court's website www.akd.uscourts.gov.

Appointed counsel may obtain investigative, expert, and other services necessary for adequate representation in accordance with the procedures set forth in the Criminal Justice Act (CJA), 18 U.S.C. §3006A(e). Prior authorization from the presiding judicial officer is required for all such services where the cost, excluding expenses, will exceed \$300. Failure to obtain prior authorization will result in the disallowance of any amount claimed for compensation in excess of \$300, unless the presiding judicial officer, in the interest of justice, finds that timely procurement of necessary services could not await prior authorization. Payment for these services should be claimed directly by the service provider on a CJA Form 21, "Authorization and Voucher for Expert and Other Services."

SEQUENCE OF ATTACHMENTS. Be sure that all necessary supporting statements and documentation are attached in the following sequence: (1) If an interim request, a copy of the order authorizing interim payments; (2) Excess Compensation Memorandum [CJA 26(a)], if applicable; (3) Statement of Total Time and Charges; (4) In-Court Worksheet(s) with applicable attachments; (5) Out-of-Court Worksheet(s), with applicable attachments; (6) Travel Expense Worksheet, with receipts, itineraries, *etc.*; and (7) Other Expense Worksheet, with receipts.

VOUCHERS MUST BE SUBMITTED NO LATER THAN 45 DAYS AFTER THE FINAL DISPOSITION OF THE CASE, UNLESS GOOD CAUSE IS SHOWN (§ 2.21A, CJA GUIDELINES). ALL PAYMENTS MADE PURSUANT TO THIS CLAIM ARE SUBJECT TO POST-AUDIT; CONTEMPORANEOUS TIME AND ATTENDANCE RECORDS AS WELL AS EXPENSE RECORDS MUST BE MAINTAINED FOR THREE YEARS AFTER APPROVAL OF THE FINAL VOUCHER (§ 2.32, CJA GUIDELINES). ANY OVERPAYMENTS ARE SUBJECT TO COLLECTION, INCLUDING DEDUCTION OF AMOUNTS DUE FROM FUTURE VOUCHERS.

Item 1. CIR./DIST./DIV. CODE: This six-character location code is the circuit, district, and divisional office codes of the court where the proceedings for the person represented are held.

Anchorage: 09CAK3 Fairbanks: 09CAK4 Ketchikan: 09CAK5

Kodiak: 09CAK6

Juneau: 09CAK1

Nome: 09CAK2

Item 2. PERSON REPRESENTED: Give the full name of the person whom you were appointed to represent.

Items 3-6. DOCKET NUMBERS: Provide the case file or miscellaneous number assigned by the court, *e.g.*, A03-0123 CR(JWS). **Note:** If two or more cases are heard or tried together for the person represented, complete a separate voucher for each case in which representation is provided (*i.e.*, for each docket number listed). Prorate the total time among the cases. On supporting documentation, cross reference all related claims for which costs are prorated.

Item 7. IN CASE/MATTER OF (CASE NAME): In criminal cases, enter *U.S. vs. Defendant's Name*. If it is a multiple defendant case, give the case cite as provided on the indictment or information (*e.g.*, *U. S. vs. Lead Defendant's Name, et al.*). If the person represented is not a defendant (*e.g.*, material witness), enter the first named defendant in the court's recording of the case. If this is a civil case (*e.g.*, *habeas corpus*), enter the *Name of the Petitioner vs. the Name of the Respondent* and include the respondent's title. If other than a civil or criminal case (*i.e.*, miscellaneous matters), enter "*In the Matter of*" followed by the *Name of the Person Represented*.

Item 8. PAYMENT CATEGORY: Check the appropriate box that establishes the statutory threshold for representation in this case type. If "Other" payment category is checked, specify the category within the scope of the CJA. See paragraph 2.22 B(2) of the *CJA Guidelines*.

Item 9. TYPE PERSON REPRESENTED: Check the box that defines the legal status of the person represented.

Item 10. REPRESENTATION TYPE: From the list below, select the code that describes the type of representation:

CC A defendant charged in a criminal case with an offense(s) that is a felony, misdemeanor, or petty offense under the United States Code, or an assimilated crime under a state code including ancillary matters.

NT A new trial either directed from the court of appeals on remand or as a result of a mistrial

MA Motion attacking a sentence (28 U.S.C. § 2255)

MC Motion to correct or reduce sentence (F.R.Cr.P. 35)

HC Habeas corpus, non-capital (28 U.S.C. § 2254)

BP Bail Presentment

WI Material Witness (in custody)

WW Witnesses (Grand Jury, a Court, the Congress, a Federal Agency, *etc.*)

- PR Probation Revocation
- PA Parole Revocation
- SR Supervised Release Hearing
- EW Extraordinary Writs (Prohibition, Mandamus)
- CH Mental Competency Hearings (*see* Chapter 313 of Title 18 U.S. Code)
- PT Pretrial Diversion
- EX Extradition Cases (Foreign)
- Other (*e.g.*, line ups, consultations, prisoner transfer, *etc.*)

FOR DEATH PENALTY CASES, USE THE CJA FORM 30 AND APPLICABLE TYPE OF REPRESENTATION CODES.

Item 11. OFFENSE(S) CHARGED: Cite the U.S. Code, with title and section, or other code of the offense or offenses (list up to five) with which the person represented is charged. If other than a federal code is cited, state the statutory maximum period of confinement authorized for the offense. If a civil matter, such as a habeas corpus representation or a motion attacking sentence, cite 28 U.S.C. § 2254 or 28 U.S.C. § 2255, respectively. For direct appeals from a case disposition, cite the major offense (U.S. Code, title and section) for which the defendant was convicted.

Items 12/14 ATTORNEY’S NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS AND NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF LAW FIRM: Complete Item 12 with the legal name and address of the attorney appointed to represent the person whose name is shown in Item 2. If prior to your appointment for representation, you had a pre-existing agreement with a law firm or corporation, including a professional corporation, indicating that CJA earnings belong to the law firm or corporation, rather than to the court-appointed attorney/payee, provide the name and mailing address of that law firm or corporation in Item 14. This information will allow earnings to be reported to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) on a 1099 Statement as earnings of the law firm or corporation and not as the earnings of the attorney appointed. (*Note: Information about a pre-existing agreement, including the Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) of the law firm or corporation, should be provided to the court staff when the attorney is admitted to the panel or at initial appointment to a case.*)

Item 13: COURT ORDER: Check the box that describes the type of counsel appointed. If appointed as a substitute counsel, give the name of the previous counsel and the appointment date. If appointed as a “Standby Counsel,” check “Other” and attach a court order establishing this type of appointment in accordance with ¶ 2.17 of the *CJA Guidelines*. Also check “Other” if counsel is appointed pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1875(d)(1) to protect a juror’s employment rights, and attach the court order appointing counsel for this purpose. The remaining portion of this item will be completed by the Clerk of the Court or other court-designated person. The presiding judicial officer, Clerk

of the Court or other court designated person must sign and date this court order to validate the appointment. If services were provided prior to court appointment, the presiding judicial officer must ratify the previous service by indicating a *hunc pro tunc* date that covers the services prior to appointment. No other court order is necessary. Indicate whether the court orders full or partial repayment of the cost for representation from the person represented at the time of appointment by checking “Yes” or “No.”

Item 15. IN-COURT SERVICES: Enter the total number of hours claimed (in hours and tenths of an hour) for each applicable in-court service category. To support the totals entered in each category, attach to the voucher an itemization of services, by date, and indicate the number of hours for each service using the required worksheets or authorized alternative method (*see § 3.4 of the CJA Manual for definition of in-court time*). Enter the total in-court hours where required on the form and multiply the total number of in-court hours claimed by the hourly rate in effect for the place of holding court in which the representation is provided or the attorney maintains his or her principal office.] If the case is an appeal to the court of appeals, enter the higher of the rates per hour in effect for the place of holding court in which the attorney maintains his or her principal office or the place of holding court out of which the case arose. Enter the total amount claimed in the appropriate box on the form. [*If using interactive forms, the computation is performed automatically.*]

Item 16. OUT-OF-COURT SERVICES: Complete according to the instructions above for in-court time, using the applicable out-of-court hourly rate of compensation and attaching the required worksheet.

NOTE: The “**FOR COURT USE ONLY**” column will reflect any mathematical or technical adjustments to the claim during the judicial approval process or changes during a required additional review of the chief judge of the court of appeals (or delegate).

Item 17. TRAVEL EXPENSES: Travel related expenses that are incidental to the representation (*e.g.*, transportation, lodging, meals, car rental, parking, bridge, road and tunnel tolls, *etc.*) must be itemized on the travel expense worksheet, indicating dates the expense was incurred. Attach supporting documentation (receipts, canceled checks, *etc.*) for all travel expenses. Travel expenses by privately owned automobile, motorcycle, or aircraft should be claimed at the rate in effect for federal judiciary employees at the time of travel. For overnight travel, reasonable expenses for lodging and meals will be reimbursed on an actual expense basis; per diem is not allowed. Counsel should be guided by prevailing limitations for travel and subsistence expenses of federal employees. The CJA Administrator can advise you of applicable rates and federal government travel regulations.

Item 18. OTHER EXPENSES: Itemize all reimbursable out-of-pocket expenses incidental to representation using the Expense Worksheet (Non-Travel). Provide dates and a brief description of the expense. Enter the total claimed where required on the form. Submit supporting documentation (receipts, canceled checks, *etc.*) for single item expenses in excess of \$50. Reimbursable expenses may include, in some circumstances, payments

to law students or law clerks for legal research and assistance and the cost of computer assisted legal research (CALR) when conducted by counsel. See ¶¶ 2.31 and 3.15 of the *CJA Guidelines* for an explanation. The following are not reimbursable expenses, and should not be claimed:

1. General office overhead, such as rent, telephone services, and secretarial services.
2. Expenses for items of a personal nature for the client (*e.g.*, clothes, haircuts).
3. The cost of printing briefs. However, the cost of photocopying or similar copying service is reimbursable.
4. Fact witness fees, witness travel costs, and expenses for service of subpoenas. These expenses are not paid out of the CJA appropriation, but instead are paid by the Department of Justice pursuant to F.R. Cr.P. 17, and 28 U.S.C. § 1825. Contact the United States Marshal for payment procedures. See ¶ 3.13 of the *CJA Guidelines* for guidance on payment of witness fees generally.
5. Filing fees. These fees are waived for persons proceeding under the CJA.
6. The cost of allowable investigative, expert, or other services. (See Chapter III of the *CJA Guidelines*). Such services should be requested using a CJA Form 21.
7. Compensation taxes. Taxes paid on attorney compensation, whether based on income, sales or gross receipts are not reimbursable expenses.

Totals: Enter the Grand Totals where required by adding “in-court” and “out-of-court” totals, “travel” and “other expenses.” [*If using the interactive forms, these items are automatically computed.*]

Item 19. CERTIFICATION OF ATTORNEY/PAYEE FOR PERIOD OF SERVICE: The person appointed by the court must certify dates of service for the representation. Indicate, where required, the date range for the services claimed on the voucher.

Item 20. APPOINTMENT TERMINATION DATE, IF OTHER THAN CASE COMPLETION: If the appointment is discontinued by order of the court (*i.e.*, substitute counsel or reasons other than disposition of the defendant’s case, such as fugitive defendant, appointment of federal defender, or retention of counsel by a defendant), give the effective date for termination of appointment.

Item 21. CASE DISPOSITION: Indicate case disposition for the person represented (*e.g.*, dismissed, convicted/final pleagUILTY, probation revoked, other *etc.*). Select a code from the table below.

	Type of Disposition	Code
District Court Criminal and Other Proceedings	Dismissed	1
	Acquitted by court, or government motion for judgment of acquittal granted	2
	Acquitted by jury	3

	Type of Disposition	Code
	Convicted/final plea guilty	4
	Convicted/final plea nolo	5
	Convicted/court trial	8
	Convicted/jury trial	9
	Mistrial	C
	Not Guilty/insane/court trial	E
	Guilty/insane/court trial	F
	Not guilty/insane/jury trial	G
	Guilty/insane/jury trial	H
	Other (PTD matters, other reps. Transfers)	X
Appeals	Affirmed	A
	Reversed	R
	Remanded	0
	Reversed in Part/Affirmed in Part	RA
	Affirmed in Part/Reversed in Part	AR
	Dismissed	1
Probation/Parole/ Supervised Release	Revoked	RV
	Restored	RS
Habeas/Petitions/Writs	Granted	GR
	Denied	DE

Item 22. CLAIM STATUS: Indicate, by checking the appropriate box, whether the voucher is (1) the final payment for the services, (2) an interim payment, or (3) a supplemental payment (an additional claim submitted after a final payment is made). If an interim payment, indicate the interim payment number. Complete the remaining portion of Item 22, and sign and date the affirmation statement before submitting the claim for court approval.

Items 23-28a. APPROVED FOR PAYMENT: The presiding judicial officer will indicate the amount approved for payment in each category (Items 23 - 26). These amounts will reflect any mathematical and technical adjustments to your claim. The “**TOTAL AMOUNT APPROVED/CERTIFIED**” for payment equals the amount approved in the major categories, less any amounts withheld for an interim payment.

SIGNATURE OF THE PRESIDING JUDICIAL OFFICER: If the total amount approved for payment (both in-court and out-of-court), not including expenses, is less than or equal to the statutory limitation, the claim will be processed for payment. The presiding judicial officer will sign and date the voucher indicating approval of the

amount to be paid in Item 27. If compensation exceeds the statutory threshold for the representation, submit a detailed memorandum, supporting and justifying that the representation was provided in a complex or extended case and that the claim for the excess amount is necessary to provide fair compensation. Upon preliminary approval of the claim, the presiding judicial officer will (1) signify approval by circling the word “cert” (for word certified) in Item 27 and (2) forward the voucher to the chief judge of the court of appeals (or delegate) for approval of the excess amount. The **JUDGE CODE** will be provided by the court staff.

Item 29-33 APPROVED FOR PAYMENT: For payments in excess of the statutory limitation, the chief judge for the court of appeals (or delegate) will indicate the amount approved for payment in Items 29 - 32. This amount will reflect any adjustments in your claim resulting from additional technical or mathematical review by the chief judge (or delegate). The chief judge of the court of appeals (or delegate) will indicate the **TOTAL AMOUNT APPROVED** for payment of the claim, less any amounts withheld for an interim payment in Item 33.

Item 34. SIGNATURE OF CHIEF JUDGE, COURT OF APPEALS (OR DELEGATE): Before the claim is paid for the excess amount, the chief judge of the appeals court (or delegate) must sign and date Item 34, approving payment for compensation that exceeds the statutory threshold. If approval is not granted, compensation will be limited to the statutory maximum for the representation and expenses as approved. The **JUDGE CODE** will be provided by the court staff.

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR CJA 21
AUTHORIZATION AND VOUCHER FOR EXPERT AND OTHER SERVICES**

READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY BEFORE COMPLETING THE FORM. Accuracy and thoroughness will aid in the prompt payment of the claim. Use a typewriter if possible to complete the form; otherwise, write legibly with a ball point pen (preferably black or dark blue ink). [NOTE: Interactive forms are available in the CJA section on the court's website www.akd.uscourts.gov.] If the form is system generated, Items 1 through 10 and 14 will be preprinted on the form. Attach an itemized statement of the services provided and expenses incurred. Give the date and the number of hours claimed for each service provided. Provide the dates for, and a description of expenses incurred. For additional guidance, see the *Guidelines for the Administration of the Criminal Justice Act and Related Statutes (CJA Guidelines)*, Volume VII, *Guide to Judiciary Policies and Procedures*, and the *CJA Compensation Policy Manual for the District of Alaska (CJA Manual)*, which are available for reference in the Clerk's Office, the Federal Public Defender's Office or accessible on line at the court's website www.akd.uscourts.gov.

Refer to 18 U.S.C. § 3006A(e)(1), the *CJA Guidelines*, and the *CJA Manual* on making *Ex Parte* applications for services other than counsel.

NOTE: Prior authorization from the presiding judicial officer should be obtained for all investigative, expert, or other services where the cost (excluding reimbursement for reasonable expenses) will exceed \$300. *Failure to obtain prior authorization will result in the disallowance of any amount claimed for compensation in excess of \$300, unless the presiding judicial officer, finds that, in the interest of justice, timely procurement of necessary services could not await prior authorization.*

Compensation may not exceed \$1,000, excluding reasonable expenses, unless the excess amount is certified by the presiding judicial officer as necessary to provide fair compensation for services of an unusual character or duration, and the amount exceeding the statutory limit is approved by the chief judge of the court of appeals (or active appeals court judge to whom the chief judge has delegated excess compensation authority).

If prior authorization is obtained for investigative, expert or other services and later it is determined that the cost of the service will exceed the initial estimate by a significant amount, you should seek, from the presiding judicial officer, further prior authorization for the additional amount.

SEQUENCE OF ATTACHMENTS. Make sure that all necessary supporting statements and documents, to the extent applicable, are attached in the following order: (1) The funding order; (2) Paraprofessional/Law Clerk or Associate Worksheet with applicable attachments; (3) Travel Expense Worksheet, with receipts, itineraries, etc.; and (4) Other Expense Worksheet, with receipts.

ALL PAYMENTS MADE PURSUANT TO THIS CLAIM ARE SUBJECT TO POST-AUDIT. ANY OVERPAYMENTS ARE SUBJECT TO COLLECTION, INCLUDING DEDUCTION OF AMOUNTS DUE FROM FUTURE VOUCHERS.

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Item 2. PERSON REPRESENTED: Give the full name of the person whom you were appointed to represent.

Items 3-6. DOCKET NUMBERS: Provide the case number or miscellaneous number assigned by the court, *e.g.*, A-03-0123 CR(JWS). **Note:** If two or more cases are heard or tried together for the person represented, complete a separate voucher for each case in which services are provided (*i.e.*, docket number listed). Prorate the total time among the cases. On the supporting documentation, cross reference all related claims for which costs are prorated.

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Item 8. PAYMENT CATEGORY: Check the appropriate box that identifies the offense class for the representation in which the expert or other services are requested. If "Other" payment category is checked, specify the category within the scope of the CJA.

Item 9. TYPE PERSON REPRESENTED: Check the box that defines the legal status of the person represented.

Item 10. REPRESENTATION TYPE: From the list below, select the code that describes the type of representation:

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- PT Pretrial Diversion
- EX Extradition Cases (Foreign)
- Other (e.g., line ups, consultations, prisoner transfer, etc.)

FOR DEATH PENALTY CASES, USE THE CJA FORM 31 AND THE APPLICABLE TYPE OF REPRESENTATION CODE.

Item 11. OFFENSE(S) CHARGED: Cite the U. S. Code, title and section, or other code citation of the offense or offenses (list up to five) with which the person represented is charged. If other than a federal code is cited, state the maximum period of confinement authorized for the offense. If a civil matter, such as a habeas corpus representation or a motion attacking sentence, cite 28 U.S.C. § 2254 or 28 U.S.C. § 2255, respectively. For direct appeals from a trial disposition, cite the major offense (U.S. Code, title and section) at case disposition.

Item 12. ATTORNEY’S STATEMENT, NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS: Check the appropriate box to indicate whether the request is for authorization to obtain services, or approval of services already provided. (Note that prior authorization is required for compensation of all services in excess of \$300.) Indicate the estimated cost of the services requested. Note the basis for compensation (*e.g.*, hourly rates, daily rates, fixed fee, *etc.*). This statement must be signed and dated by counsel for the person represented (or by the person proceeding *pro se*). Check the appropriate box to designate attorney status as a panel attorney, retained attorney, attorney for a legal organization (bar association, legal aid agency, or community defender organization not receiving a periodic sustaining grant under the CJA), or as a person who qualifies for representation under the CJA but has chosen to proceed *pro se*.

Give the complete legal name of the attorney appointed to represent the person whose name is shown in Item 2. Provide the mailing address and telephone number of the attorney.

Item 13. DESCRIPTION OF AND JUSTIFICATION FOR SERVICES: Briefly, describe the nature of the services requested and the reason services are necessary to provide adequate representation.

Procedures for Requesting Psychiatric and Psychological Services.

If this is a request for an examination by a psychiatrist or psychologist, state specifically the purpose of the examination. If the examination is ordered pursuant to a statute, cite the statute (U.S. Code, title and section).

The payment procedures for psychiatric and psychological examinations are outlined below. For further information, refer to ¶ 3.11 of the *CJA Guidelines*, § 8.8 and [Appendix 15](#) of this Manual.

1. If this is a court-ordered examination to determine, exclusively, the mental condition as set forth in 18 U.S.C. §§ 4241-4246 **DO NOT USE THIS FORM**, regardless of who requested the examination. Examinations conducted pursuant to these statutes are considered “non-defense” purpose examinations. The costs are paid by the Department of Justice, and claims for these examinations should be submitted to the U.S. Attorney.
2. If this is an examination exclusively for a “defense” purpose (where the person represented selects the expert and controls disclosure of the report) **USE THIS FORM**. The court order executed in Item 15 is sufficient for this purpose.
3. If this is a dual purpose examination for a “non-defense” and a “defense” purpose, **USE THIS FORM**. For the convenience of the expert, the Administrative Office will pay the expert the total amount approved and obtain reimbursement from the Department of Justice for one-half of the total amount approved. In order for the Administrative Office to obtain this reimbursement, a separate court order authorizing the examination must be attached to the voucher when it is submitted for payment. This order should indicate (1) who requested the examination, (2) the specific purpose(s) of the examination, (3) to whom the report of the examination is directed, and (4) to whom copies of the report are to be given. This separate order is in addition to the court order at Item 15, which also must be signed and dated by the presiding judicial officer.
4. If this is a dual purpose examination for two “non-defense” purposes (e.g., evaluation of competency to stand trial under 18 U.S.C. § 4241 and evaluation of sanity at the time of the offense under 18 U.S.C. § 4242), **DO NOT USE THIS FORM**. Submit the entire claim to the U. S. Attorney for payment.

Item 14. TYPE OF SERVICE PROVIDER: Check the box which identifies the type of service provider requested. If you check the box “Other,” be sure to specify the type of service or service provider. If computer assisted legal research (CALR) is checked, refer to ¶ 3.15 of the *CJA Guidelines* for an explanation of the criteria and procedures for approval of CALR as a necessary service under the CJA.

Item 15. COURT ORDER: This court order must be signed and dated by the presiding judicial officer. An additional court order is not necessary except for certain psychiatric and psychological examinations as explained in the instructions for Item 13, or to authorize payment for services exceeding \$300 when prior authorization was not obtained (see Item 23). Indicate whether full or partial repayment of the cost for these services was ordered by the court from the person represented by checking “Yes” or “No.”

Item 16. CLAIM FOR SERVICES AND EXPENSES:

COMPENSATION (16a): Enter the total amount claimed for professional services rendered. On an attachment to the voucher, describe in detail the services provided, including dates of service and the amount of time spent (in hours and tenths of hours). State the basis for the fee claimed (e.g., hourly rate, daily rate, fixed fee).

TRAVEL EXPENSES (16b): Travel related expenses that are incidental to the representation (e.g., transportation, lodging, meals, car rental, parking, bridge, road and tunnel tolls, etc.) must be itemized on a separate sheet, indicating dates the expense was incurred (*use the Travel Expense Worksheet*). Attach supporting documentation (receipts, canceled checks, etc.) for all travel expenses. Travel expenses by privately owned automobile, motorcycle, or aircraft should be claimed at the rate in effect for federal employees at the time of travel. For overnight travel, reasonable expenses for lodging and meals will be reimbursed on an actual expense basis; per diem is not allowed. Service providers are generally limited to the travel and subsistence expenses of federal employees; actual expenses claimed in excess of the federal per diem rate must be supported by a statement justifying the necessity and reasonableness of the excess amounts claimed. The CJA Administrator can advise you of applicable rates and federal government travel regulations.

OTHER EXPENSES (Item 16c): Itemize all reimbursable out-of-pocket expenses incidental to the services provided. Provide dates and a brief description of the expense (*use the Expense Worksheet (Non-Travel)*). Submit supporting documentation (receipts, canceled checks, paid invoice, etc.) for single item expenses of \$50 or more. Do not include general office overhead (e.g., rent, telephone services, secretarial services) as reimbursable expenses.

The columns provided “ **FOR COURT USE ONLY**” will reflect any mathematical or technical adjustments to the claim during judicial approval or required additional review of the chief judge of the court of appeals (or delegate).

Item 17. PAYEE’S NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS, TAXPAYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (TIN), CLAIMANT’S CERTIFICATION AND CLAIM STATUS: Provide the complete name and address of the person to be paid (claimant). The claimant must certify dates covered in the claim for payment by indicating the date range for services rendered. Check the box to indicate the status of the claim as: (1) final payment for the services, (2) an interim payment, or (3) a supplemental payment (an additional claim submitted after a the final payment). If this is an interim payment, indicate the interim payment number. The claimant or payee must sign and date the payment certification statement prior to submitting the claim to the attorney for certification that services were rendered and received. Provide the Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) to report these earnings to the IRS.

Item 18. CERTIFICATION OF ATTORNEY: This section must be completed by the attorney appointed to provide representation, a retained attorney whose client is unable to afford the cost of service requested, or by a person proceeding *pro se* under the CJA.

Items 19-22. APPROVED FOR PAYMENT: The court will review, for reasonableness and compliance with the *CJA Guidelines*, every claim for compensation of services rendered and any claim for reimbursement of expenses incurred. The presiding judicial officer will indicate the amount approved for payment in each of the payment categories (Items 19-21). These amounts will reflect any mathematical or technical adjustments made to the claim.

The **“TOTAL AMOUNT APPROVED/CERTIFIED”** (Item 22) is the amount approved for payment of the claim, less any amounts to be withheld in accordance with an interim payment order. Upon preliminary approval of a claim for more than the \$1,000 statutory threshold, not including expenses, the presiding judicial officer will (1) signify approval by circling the word “cert” (for word certified) and indicate the amount approved in Item 22, and (2) forward the claim to the chief judge of the court of appeals (or delegate) for additional review and approval of the excess amount.

Item 23. SIGNATURE OF THE PRESIDING JUDICIAL OFFICER: The presiding judicial officer must check the appropriate box to indicate (1) either the cost, excluding expenses, does not exceed \$300, or prior authorization was obtained, or (2) approval of cost, excluding expenses, exceeding \$300 when prior authorization was not obtained but in the interest of justice the court finds that timely procurement of these services could not await prior authorization. The presiding judicial officer must sign and date Item 23, indicating approval/certification of the amount indicated in Item 22. The court will provide the judge code.

If the amount approved for compensation, excluding expenses, is less than or equal to the \$1,000 statutory limitation, the claim will be forwarded for payment processing.

Items 24-27. APPROVED FOR PAYMENT: If the chief judge (or delegate) approves the excess compensation, the judge will indicate the amounts approved in each of the payment categories, Items 24-26, and the total amount approved for payment in Item 27.

Item 28. SIGNATURE OF CHIEF JUDGE, COURT OF APPEALS (OR DELEGATE): Before a claim is paid for the excess amount certified, the chief judge of the appeals court (or delegate) must sign and date Item 28, approving payment for compensation that exceeds the statutory threshold. If approval is not granted, compensation will be limited to the statutory maximum for the representation and expenses approved. The **JUDGE CODE** will be provided by court staff.

MEMORANDUM

To: Chief Judge (or Delegate) _____
United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

Date: _____

From: _____

Subject: Advance Authorization for Investigative, Expert or Other Services

It is requested that advance authorization be granted to obtain services in an amount in excess of the maximum allowed under the provisions of subsection (e)(3) of the Criminal Justice Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3006A, **[or, for capital cases commenced, and appellate proceedings in which an appeal is perfected, on or after April 24, 1996, under 21 U.S.C. § 848(q)(10)(B),]** as follows:

Case Name & Designation _____

Name of Expert or Investigator or Service Provider: _____

Address _____

Type of Service _____

Reasons for Application _____

Estimated Compensation (Non-Capital Case) \$ _____

Estimated Compensation and Expenses (Capital Case) \$ _____

Estimated Compensation and Expenses of All Investigative, Expert, and Other Services (Capital Case) \$ _____

I certify that the estimated compensation in excess of the maximum set forth in 18 U.S.C. § 3006A(e) [or, if applicable, the estimated compensation and expenses in excess of the maximum set forth in 21 U.S.C. § 848(q)(10)(B),] appears necessary to provide fair compensation for services of an unusual character or duration and therefore recommend approval of this advance authorization in the amount of \$ _____

Date: _____

United States District Judge
or Magistrate Judge

APPROVAL

Advance authorization is hereby approved in the amount of \$_____.

Date: _____

Chief Judge, United States Court of Appeals
(or Delegate)

**INFORMATION SHEET FOR EXPERTS AND OTHER SERVICE PROVIDERS
APPOINTED IN THE U.S. DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF ALASKA**

Attorneys are requested to provide this instruction sheet to all experts or other service providers after an order has been signed by the judge authorizing CJA funds for defense services.

To: _____
(Insert Name of Expert)

Re: Authorization of Funds for Defense Services

Case No. _____
(Insert Case Number)

HOURLY RATE: _____ TOTAL AMOUNT AUTHORIZED: _____
(Insert Rate) (Insert Total)

The United States District Court for the District of Alaska has authorized you to provide services in the above-referenced case at the hourly rate indicated, not to exceed the total amount authorized. The following are instructions provided by the court to ensure prompt payment for your services.

Submission of Vouchers

All voucher submissions for fees and expenses of investigators, experts, and other service providers are made on a CJA Form 21, "Authorization and Voucher For Expert and Other Services" or in capital cases on a form CJA Form 31, "Death Penalty Proceedings: *Ex Parte* Request for Authorization and Voucher for Expert and Other Services." All vouchers must be signed by the service provider and the attorney who requested the services. The voucher must be supported by a copy of the approved funding order authorizing employment of the person whose services are being billed and an itemized statement of the expert or service provider's time and expenses. Vouchers should be submitted at the conclusion of the services, unless interim payments are requested and approved by the trial judge and the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

PLEASE NOTE: Experts and service providers will not be paid in excess of the authorized amount. If it appears that the funds authorized will not be sufficient, you should immediately contact the attorney who obtained the initial funding order to obtain additional authorization. The court will not be liable for payment for funds that have not been preauthorized.

Reimbursable Expenses

The expert may be reimbursed for out-of-pocket expenses reasonably incurred incident to the rendering of services. Proof of payment must be submitted for any individual expense over \$50.00 by a copy of a paid receipt, copy of the canceled check, or credit card receipt. For outside photocopying, a copy of the invoice/receipt must be submitted, regardless of amount. The following additional guidelines may be helpful to the expert or service provider:

a. Case related travel by a privately owned automobile should be claimed at the current rate of rate prescribed for judiciary employees, plus parking fees, ferry fares and bridge, road and tunnel tolls. Transportation other than by a privately owned automobile should be claimed on an actual expense basis. Reimbursement for air travel is limited to coach or economy class; experts will not be reimbursed for travel in business or first class.

b. With respect to necessary travel outside the district, travel expenses, such as air fare, mileage, parking fees, meals and lodging, are claimed on an actual cost basis. Claims for reimbursement in excess of the government per diem rates must be supported by an explanation of the necessity for incurring additional expenses. If the reimbursement for expenses relating to a single trip will total an amount in excess of \$300.00, prior approval from the court must be requested. In addition, all overnight travel and all travel by airplane must have advance judicial approval. For specific details concerning per diem rates or high cost areas, consult the CJA Administrator in the Office of the Federal Public Defender.

c. Telephone toll calls, fax charges (charges as shown on phone bill), telegrams, photocopying, and photographs are considered reimbursable expenses if reasonably incurred. However, general office overhead, *e.g.*, rent, secretarial help, time spent in preparation of CJA vouchers and telephone service, is not a reimbursable expense, nor are items of personal nature.

Further questions or guidance

If you have additional questions, you should contact the appointed attorney who obtained the initial funding order. In addition, answers to questions concerning appointments under the Criminal Justice Act can generally be found in: (1) 18 U.S.C. §3006A; (2) the Criminal Justice Act Plan of the United States District Court for the District of Alaska; (3) the *CJA Compensation Policy Manual* for the United States District Court, District of Alaska; and (4) the *Guidelines for the Administration of the Criminal Justice Act*, published by the Administrative Office of the United States Courts, available through the CJA Administrator and accessible online at the court's website www.akd.uscourts.gov. Should these references fail to provide the desired clarification or direction, contact the CJA Administrator at (907) 646-3423.

SUMMARY CHART RESPONSIBILITY FOR PAYMENT OF PSYCHIATRIC AND RELATED EXPERT SERVICES
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SOURCE OF PAYMENT

Type of Service	CJA	DOJ
1. To determine mental competency to stand trial, under 18 U.S.C. §4241		
a. Examination Costs		Yes, regardless of which party requests, including examination on court's own motion
b. Testimony costs for examiner if called at hearing		Yes, regardless of which party calls
c. Testimony costs for examiner if called at trial	If witness appears on behalf of defense	If witness appears on behalf of government
2. To determine existence of insanity at time of offense, under §4242		
a. Examination costs		Yes
b. Testimony costs for examiner if called at trial		Yes, regardless of which party calls
3. To determine existence of insanity at time of offense, under CJA subsection (e)		
a. Examination costs	Yes	
b. Testimony costs for examiner if called at trial	Yes	
4. To determine mental condition of hospitalized person found not guilty only by reason of insanity, under §4243		
a. Examination costs		Yes
b. Testimony costs for examiner if called at hearing		Yes, regardless of which party calls

SOURCE OF PAYMENT

5. To determine mental condition of convicted person suffering from mental disease or defect, under §4244

Type of Service	CJA	DOJ
5. a. Examination costs		Yes
b. Testimony costs for examiner if called at hearing		Yes, regardless of which party calls

6. To determine mental condition of imprisoned person, under §4245

a. Examination costs		Yes, including costs of additional examiner selected by imprisoned person in accordance with §4247(b)
b. Testimony costs for examiner		Yes, regardless of which party calls, including additional examiner selected by imprisoned person in accordance with §4247(b)

7. To determine mental condition of hospitalized person due for release, under §4246

a. Examination costs		Yes, including costs of additional examiner selected by hospitalized person in accordance with §4247(b)
b. Testimony costs for examiner if called at hearing		Yes, regardless of which party calls, including additional examiner selected by hospitalized person in accordance with §4247(b)

8. Examination of a person in custody as a material witness

Yes, under all circumstances

9. Examination and testimony costs for expert witnesses not appointed under §§4241, 4242, 4243, 4244, 4245, 4246

If requested by the defense

If requested by the government, or if appointed as an independent expert on court's own motion under F.R. Evid. 706

INSTRUCTIONS
AUTHORIZATION AND VOUCHER FOR PAYMENT OF TRANSCRIPT
(CJA FORM 24)

Read these instructions carefully before completing the form. Accuracy and thoroughness will aid in prompt payment of the claim. If possible, use a typewriter to complete the form; otherwise, write legibly with a ballpoint pen (preferably black or dark blue ink). [Note: Interactive forms are available in the CJA Section of the court's website www.akd.uscourts.gov.] If the form is system generated, Items 1 through 11 will be preprinted on the form. If additional space is needed to complete an item, attach a continuation sheet to the form.

Item 1. CIR./DIST./DIV. CODE: This six-character court location code is the circuit, district and divisional office codes of the court where authorization is given to procure the transcript.

Anchorage: 09CAK3 Fairbanks: 09CAK4 Ketchikan: 09CAK5
Kodiak: 09CAK6 Juneau: 09CAK1 Nome: 09CAK2

Item 2. PERSON REPRESENTED: Give the full name of the person whom representation is being provided (i.e., the person whom transcript services are requested). Only one name should be entered in Item 2 "Person Represented."

Items 3-6: DOCKET NUMBERS: Provide the case file number or the miscellaneous number of the case for which representation is provided, e.g., A03-0123 CR(JWS). Prorate the total transcript cost among the cases when costs are shared or apportioned. Cross reference all related claims for which costs are prorated or apportioned.

Item 7: IN CASE/MATTER OF (CASE NAME): In criminal cases, enter *U.S. vs Defendant's Name*. If it is a multiple defendant case, give the case cite as provided on the information or indictment (e.g., *U.S. vs. Lead Defendant's Name, et al.*) If the person represented is not a defendant (e.g. material witness), enter the first named defendant in the court's recording of the case. If this is a civil case (e.g., habeas corpus), enter the *Name of the Petitioner vs. the Name of the Respondent* and include the respondent's title. If other than a criminal or civil case (i.e., miscellaneous matters), enter "*In the Matter of*" followed by *the Name of the Person Represented*.

Item 8. PAYMENT CATEGORY: Check the appropriate box that defines the statutory threshold for this representation type. If "Other" payment category is checked, specify the category within the scope of the Criminal Justice Act (CJA). See paragraph 2.22 B(2), of the *Guidelines for the Administration of the CJA and Related Statutes (CJA Guidelines)*, Volume VII, Guide to Judiciary Policies and Procedures.

Item 9. TYPE PERSON REPRESENTED: Check the box that categorizes the legal status of the person represented.

Item 10. REPRESENTATION TYPE: From the list below, select the code that describes the type of representation:

CC	A defendant charged in a criminal case with an offense(s) that is a felony, misdemeanor, or petty offense under the U.S. Code, or an assimilated crime under a state code.
NT	A new trial either directed from the court of appeals on remand or as a result of a mistrial
MA	Motion attacking a sentence (28 U.S.C. § 2255)
MC	Motion to correct or reduce sentence (Fed.R.Crim.P. 35)
HC	Habeas Corpus, non-capital (28 U.S.C. § 2254)
BP	Bail Presentment
WI	Material Witness
WW	Witnesses (Grand Jury, a Court, the Congress, a Federal Agency, <i>etc.</i>)
PR	Probation Revocation
PA	Parole Revocation
SR	Supervised Release Hearing
EW	Extraordinary Writs (Prohibition, Mandamus)
CH	Mental Competency Hearings (<i>see</i> Chapter 313 of Title 18 U.S. Code)
PT	Pretrial Diversion
EX	Extradition Cases (Foreign)
Other	(<i>e.g.</i> , line ups, consultations, prisoner transfer, <i>etc.</i>)

Item 11. OFFENSE(S) CHARGED: Cite the U.S. Code, title and section, of the offense or offenses for which the person represented is charged. If a death penalty case, cite the charge for which the death penalty is being sought. If a civil matter, such as a capital habeas representation or motion attacking sentence, cite 28 U.S.C. § 2254 or 28 U.S.C. § 2255, respectively.

Item 12. PROCEEDINGS IN WHICH TRANSCRIPT IS TO BE USED: Describe briefly the nature of the proceeding or other purpose for which the transcript is required (*e.g.*, motion hearing, trial preparation, trial, appeal).

Item 13. PROCEEDINGS TO BE TRANSCRIBED: Describe specifically the type of proceedings to be transcribed (*e.g.*, preliminary hearing, arraignment, plea, sentencing, trial, motions, parole or probation proceedings, state court proceedings, deposition). For restrictions on trial transcripts, see Item 14.

Item 14. SPECIAL AUTHORIZATIONS (services other than ordinary transcript): The following services are permitted only if the judicial officer gives special authorization (initialed by the judicial officer where required on the form):

A. Apportionment of Transcript Cost. The Judicial Conference has stated that the total cost of accelerated transcript services should not be routinely apportioned among parties.

B. Types of Transcripts:

NOTE: ALL BUT ORDINARY TRANSCRIPT SERVICES, TO BE DELIVERED WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER RECEIPT OF AN ORDER, REQUIRE SPECIAL PRIOR JUDICIAL AUTHORIZATION.

- (1) **Expedited** — to be delivered within 7 calendar days after receipt of an order.
- (2) **Daily** — to be delivered following adjournment and prior to the normal opening hour of the court on the following morning, whether or not it is an actual court day.
- (3) **Hourly** — ordered under unusual circumstances to be delivered within 2 hours.
- (4) **Realtime Unedited Transcript** — to be delivered electronically during the proceedings or immediately following adjournment.

C. Trial Transcripts — In the absence of special prior authorization, trial transcripts shall exclude the prosecution opening statement, the defense opening statement, the prosecution argument, the defense argument, the prosecution rebuttal, the voir dire and jury instructions.

D. Multi-defendant Cases — According to Judicial Conference policy, no more than one transcript should be purchased from the court reporter on behalf of CJA defendants in multi-defendant cases. Arrangements should be made for duplication of enough transcript copies, at commercially competitive rates, for each CJA defendant for whom a transcript has been approved. The cost will be paid from CJA funds. This policy does not preclude the court reporter from providing copies at the commercially competitive rate. In addition, the court may grant an exception to this policy based upon a finding that application of the policy will unreasonably impede the delivery of accelerated transcripts to persons proceeding under the CJA. See ¶ 3.12C of the *CJA Guidelines*.

Item 15. ATTORNEY’S STATEMENT: The court-appointed counsel or the person proceeding *pro se* under the CJA must sign and date the affirmation statement, and print or type the signatory’s name. Check the appropriate box to designate your status as a CJA panel attorney, a retained attorney whose client is unable to afford the cost of the transcript service, a person who qualifies for representation under the CJA but who has chosen to proceed *pro se*, or an attorney from a legal organization (bar association, legal aid agency, or community defender organization not receiving a periodic sustaining grant under the CJA).

Item 16. COURT ORDER: This order must be signed and dated by the presiding judicial officer, indicating eligibility under the CJA. An additional court order is not necessary to authorize procurement and payment for this service.

Item 17: COURT REPORTER/TRANSCRIBER STATUS: Check the appropriate box that indicates the reporter’s status. Generally, this information will be provided by the court, the reporter, or the clerk.

- Item 18: PAYEE'S NAME, MAILING ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER:** Print or type the full name and mailing address of the payee. Provide the payee's telephone number, including the area code.
- Item 19: SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER OR EMPLOYER ID NUMBER OF PAYEE:** Provide your Social Security Number (SSN) or your Employer Identification Number (EIN) that you use to report earnings to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).
- Item 20. TRANSCRIPT COSTS:** Cost per page for transcripts prepared by official court reporters, contract court reporters, and transcribers of taped proceedings may not exceed the rates in effect at the time the authorization. Generally, persons proceeding under the CJA may receive only the original or a copy of the transcript. Two lines for transcript costs have been provided on the form to reflect that the page rate will vary depending upon whether the party received the original or a copy, and that certain portions may be provided at a higher rate for accelerated service. (If more lines are needed to reflect these factors, attach an additional sheet and record the information in the same format as on the form.) A page of transcript shall consist of 25 lines typed on 8½ x 11 inch paper, prepared for binding on the left side, with 1¾ inch margin on the left side and ⅝ inch margin on the right side. Typing is to be 10 letters per inch. Provide the page numbers for each segment of the transcript.

NOTE: Claim reimbursement for only the following expenses: (1) Travel and subsistence of assistants who aid in preparation of daily or hourly transcript, if authorized in advance by the presiding judicial officer; and (2) Extraordinary delivery costs, such as courier services or express mail (regular postage is not reimbursable). Specify and attach receipts or other supporting documentation for expenses.

- Item 21. CLAIMANT'S CERTIFICATION:** Generally, the person providing the transcript services will sign this certification. However, if the transcript has been paid for, the attorney can request reimbursement for the cost on this form by signing the claimant's certification. In that event, the attorney also must be listed as the payee in Item 18, and the information required in Items 18 and 19 (SSN, payee's mailing address and telephone number) should relate to the attorney. If the 1099 should be sent to the attorney's Law Firm, indicate the TIN of the Law Firm or corporation and the Law Firm or corporate name in Item 19.
- Item 22. CERTIFICATION OF ATTORNEY OR CLERK.** The attorney's signature in Item 22 verifies that the transcript was received. Clerks of the court may verify receipt on behalf of persons proceeding *pro se*, and on behalf of all CJA parties in districts if the practice is authorized by local rule of the court.
- Item 23. APPROVED FOR PAYMENT:** After reviewing for reasonableness and compliance with the *CJA Guidelines*, the presiding judicial officer must sign and date the voucher.
- Item 24. AMOUNT APPROVED.** The amount approved for payment.

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF ALASKA**

In re:

Case Number: _____

v.

CJA EX PARTE TRAVEL REQUEST AND ORDER

Name of Traveler: _____ **Attorney** **Expert**

Address of Traveler: _____

Dates of Travel: _____

Destination: **To:** _____ **From:** _____

Airport if different from destination _____

Purpose of Travel: _____

Brief explanation as to the necessity for travel, how the purpose of the trip is relevant to the facts of the case, and why the number days of travel is required.

Expense Summary:

The following information is a summary of travel expenses to be incurred. The court will not normally reimburse expenses in excess of the government per diem rate. Please check per diem rate for the destination and verify airfare, hotel and rental car rates before submitting travel request. For current per diem rates for the locale being visited, contact the CJA Administrator.

Description	Number of Days	Total	CJA Admin Use
Per Diem Rate for Destination \$ _____ (Lodging & Meals)		\$ _____	
Airline Fare	N/A	\$ _____	
Rental Car - Daily Rate \$ _____		\$ _____	
Miscellaneous: Taxi, Shuttles, Tolls	N/A	\$ _____	
TOTAL		\$ _____	

Submitted By: _____ **Date:** _____

Attorney Name/Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____ **Fax Number:** _____

The above estimated travel request is: APPROVED DENIED

Reason for Denial: _____

Dated:

**U.S. DISTRICT COURT JUDGE/
MAGISTRATE JUDGE**

**Office of the Federal Public Defender
United States District Court
District of Alaska**

CJA Administrator
550 West Seventh Avenue, 16th Floor
Anchorage, AK 99501-3568

Main Line 907-646-3400
Fax Line 907-646-3480

MEMORANDUM

Date:

To:

Fax:

From:

Re: CJA Ex Parte Travel Request and Order

Attached please find your approved CJA Ex Parte Travel Request and Order. The following information is provided to assist you when making airline, hotel and rental car reservations.

- Contact National Travel Service (NTS) at 1-800-445-0668 to request your airline ticket at the government rate. If NTS is not used to obtain your airline ticket, reimbursement is limited to the government rate amount.
- Upon receipt of your travel itinerary, please forward a copy to the CJA Administrator for our records. Our **fax** number is (907) 646-3480.
- Carry your approved CJA Ex Parte Travel Request and Order with you for identification purposes should an airline agent ask to see it.
- Contact NTS immediately if you need to cancel or change your trip and notify the CJA Administrator at (907) 646-3423 of the cancellation or change.
- All receipts for airfare, lodging, meals, transportation and any other travel expenses incurred should be included with the CJA Voucher. Do not claim airfare if you made reservations through NTS.

GOVERNMENT PER DIEM RATE:

PLEASE NOTE: AIRFARE IS SUBJECT TO THE GOVERNMENT RATE. ALL OTHER EXPENSES ARE SUBJECT TO THE GOVERNMENT PER DIEM RATE.

The government per diem rate for _____ (*location*) _____ is \$ _____ (*rate*) _____ per day. The per diem rate includes lodging, meals and incidental expenses. Because you must itemize your expenses, any amount claimed in excess of the per diem rate listed above must be supported by an explanation of the reasonableness and necessity for incurring the additional expense.