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CJA CASE MAXIMUMS

CJA 20. ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2010, a voucher submitted by appointed counsel for CJA-compensable work, exclusive of reimbursement for expenses reasonably incurred, shall have the following statuatory maximums:

TYPE OF CASE	STATUTORY MAXIMUMS
Felony Charge	$9,700.00
Misdemeanor Charge	$2,800.00
Non-Capital Habeas Petition 2241, 2254 or 2255	$9,700.00
Appeals	$6,100.00
Parole Representation, 18 USC 4106A	$2,100.00
Other Representations	$2,100.00

Vouchers requesting payment in excess of the statutory maximum fee must be approved by the District Judge and also Chief Judge James Loken of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit.

The former case compensation maximums apply to a voucher submitted by appointed counsel if that person's CJA-compensable work on the representation was completed before January 1, 2010.

CJA 21. On or after December 8, 2004, the amounts applicable to experts and other services are as follows:

APPROVAL LEVELS FOR EXPERTS AND OTHER SERVICES	
Without Prior Authorization	$500.00
With Prior Authorization	$500.01 - $1,600.00
Circuit Approval Required	Over $1,600.00

Services other than counsel may be obtained without prior authorization if the total cost of the service does not exceed $500.00, exclusive of reimbursement for expenses reasonably incurred.
The Court may, in the interest of justice, and upon finding that timely procurement of necessary services could not await prior authorization, approve payment for such services after they have been obtained, even if the cost of such services exceeds $500.00. Compensation to experts and others on a CJA 21 shall not exceed $1,600.00 unless payment in excess of that limit is certified by the court as necessary to provide fair compensation for services of an unusual character or duration, and the amount of the excess payment is approved by the Chief Judge of the Circuit.

These "services other than counsel" may include (in addition to investigators, psychiatrists, psychologists and reporter) services of, but not necessarily be limited to, interpreters, computer systems and automation litigation support personnel and experts; paralegals and legal assistants, including law students; neurologists; and laboratory experts in the areas of ballistics, fingerprinting and handwriting.

To obtain prior authorization submit the

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