

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI**

IN RE: )  
EARLY PAYMENTS TO CJA COUNSEL )  
DUE TO COVID-19 RESPONSE )

**ORDER**

WHEREAS this Court continues to evaluate its response to the spread of the COVID-19 virus, and recognizes that many criminal cases will be extended for long periods of time;

NOW THEREFORE, the Court hereby adopts the following Order:

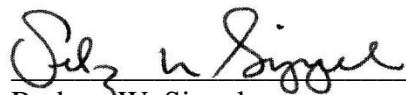
1. This Court authorizes payments to CJA Panel Attorneys prior to completion of the attorney's work on the case, without further need of the attorney to file a motion with the presiding judge in any specific case, subject to ordinary review and approval by the presiding judge;

2. CJA Panel Attorneys may submit requests under this Order in the same manner that they submit payments in eVoucher in completed cases;

3. Ordinary approval by the presiding judge of the request within eVoucher shall constitute approval in any specific case; and

4. This Order remains in effect through May 31, 2020, consistent with its prior Orders entered [March 17](#) and [March 18](#).

**SO ORDERED** this 31<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2020.

  
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Rodney W. Sippel  
Chief United States District Judge