CASE MAXIMUMS & APPROVAL LEVELS FOR EXPERTS

Attorney Services -- The applicable case compensation maxium is applied based on the last day services were provided.

	STATUTORY MAXIMUMS	
TYPE OF CASE	**If Service Provided On or After January 1, 2025**	**If Service Provided On or After January 1, 2026**
Felony Charge (Including pre-trial diversion)	**$13,600.00**	**$13,800.00**
Misdemeanor Charge (Including pre-trial diversion)	**$3,900.00**	**$3,900.00**
Non-Capital Habeas Petition 2241, 2254 or 2255 (CV)	**$13,600.00**	**$13,800.00**
Appeals	**$9,700.00**	**$9,800.00**
Parole Rep, 18 USC 4106A -Supervised Rel Hearing	**$2,900.00**	**$3,000.00**
Other Rep- Material Witness, GJ Witness, Mental Health Hrg (except when part of case in chief), Crack 2 Max (after 7/29/11), Drug Minus 2 Amendment Cases	**$2,900.00**	**$3,000.00**

Payment vouchers excess of the statutory maximum fee must be approved by the District Judge and also the Chief Judge 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 the change in the case maximum.

Expert Services -- On or after February 15, 2019, the amounts applicable to experts and other services are as follows

APPROVAL LEVELS FOR EXPERTS AND OTHER SERVICES		
Approval Type	**Criminal Case**	**Death Penalty Case**
Without Prior Authorization	**$1,000.00**	**$1,000.00**
With Prior Authorization	**$1,000.01 - $3,000.00**	**$1,000.01 - $7,500.00**
Circuit Approval Required	**Over $3,000.00**	**Over $7,500.00**

Services other than counsel may be obtained without prior authorization if the total cost of the service for the representation does not exceed $1,000.00, exclusive of reimbursement for expenses reasonably incurred by the attorney.
The Court may, in the interest of justice, and upon finding that timely procurement of necessary services could not await prior authorization, approve a formal authorization in eVoucher (AUTH) for such services after they have been obtained, even if the cost of such services exceeds $1,000.00. Compensation to experts and others on a CJA 21 exceeding $3,000.00 shall not be certified for payment until 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 U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit. Applicable to cases involving the death penalty at the higher level of $7,500 in place of $3,000.

These "services other than counsel" may include but not limited to investigators, psychiatrists, psychologists, interpreters, computer systems and automation litigation support experts in the areas of ballistics, fingerprint analysis and handwriting analysis.

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