

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ALABAMA

GREER M. LYNCH
CLERK OF COURT

MADELINE H. HAIKALA
CHIEF JUDGE

PUBLIC NOTICE

Re: Revised Criminal Justice Act Panel Attorney Rates and Maximums

1. This notice provides information about inflationary adjustments to the hourly rates and case compensation maximums under the Criminal Justice Act (CJA), [18 U.S.C. § 3006A](#). These adjustments are the result of the President issuing an Executive Order in December 2025 that finalizes 2026 federal civilian pay rates.¹
2. CJA Panel Attorney Hourly Rate Increases

Panel attorney hourly compensation rates are increased from \$175 to \$177 for non-capital representations and from \$223 to \$226 for capital representations for services performed on or after January 1, 2026. Where appointment of counsel occurred before January 1, 2026, the new hourly compensation rates apply to that portion of services provided on or after the effective date.

3. CJA Panel Attorney Case Compensation Maximums (Non-Capital Cases)

Because of the increase in the non-capital hourly rate, the waivable case compensation maximum amounts for non-capital representations² increase to:

- Felonies, proceedings under 18 U.S.C. § 983 and 28 U.S.C. § 1875, and post-conviction proceedings under 28 U.S.C. §§ 2241, 2254, or 2255:
 - o \$13,800 (previously \$13,600);
- Appeals:
 - o \$9,800 (previously \$9,700);
- Misdemeanors and proceedings under 18 U.S.C. §§ 4107 or 4108:
 - o \$3,900 (unchanged); and
- Proceedings under 18 U.S.C. § 4106A and other representation authorized by the CJA:
 - o \$3,000 (previously \$2,900).

The new case compensation maximums apply to a voucher submitted by appointed counsel if that person furnished any CJA-compensable work on or after January 1, 2026. The former case compensation maximums apply to a voucher submitted by appointed counsel if that person's CJA-compensable work was completed before January 1, 2026.

Date Posted: January 2, 2025

¹ Inflationary adjustments to the panel attorney hourly rates are based on the across-the-board pay adjustment for federal workers. See 18 U.S.C. § 3006A(d)(1) and § 3599(g)(1); see also Guide to Judiciary Policy, Vol. 7A, § 230.20 and § 630.10.10(b).

² There are no case compensation maximums for appointed counsel in capital cases. See Guide, Vol. 7A, Ch. 6, § 630.10.20 and § 635.