NOTICE REGARDING CJA SERVICE PROVIDER RATES

The Court has approved the following rates for CJA experts/service providers **effective August 15, 2020.**

Accident Reconstruction/Crime Scene/Police Practices/Use of Force	$200
Accountant	$250
Attorney Consultant	Panel rate
Ballistics/Firearms	$300
Cell Phone/Computer Forensics	$250
Chemist/Toxicologist (B.S.)	$225
DNA (B.S.)	$250
Fingerprint/Handwriting Analysis	$200
Gang Expert	$150
Investigator—Non-Capital	$75
Investigator—Capital	$100
Jury Consultant	$200
Law Clerk/Student	$25
Media Analyst (Audio, Video, Photo)	$150
Mitigation Specialist—Non-Capital	$90
Mitigation Specialist—Capital	$125
M.D./D.O.—Neurologist	$325
M.D./D.O.—Psychiatrist	$350
M.D./D.O.—Other (e.g., Toxicologist, Pathologist)	$325
Paralegal—Basic	$65
Paralegal—Capital Habeas	$75
Paralegal—IT Specialist/Litigation Support	$90
Ph.D.—Neuropsychologist	$325
Ph.D.—Psychologist	$300
Ph.D.—Other	$300

The hourly fee ranges listed above have been approved by the Court as presumptive, meaning the Court will approve up to these amounts absent good cause demonstrated by the litigant or found by the Court.

Any request to exceed the presumptive rates must be accompanied by a detailed statement establishing good cause, including the inability to find an expert willing to serve at that rate,

uniqueness of the case calling for special expertise, or other special circumstances. The rate approved is subject to a cap on the total authorized amount. The Court may, in its discretion, order a different hourly rate for testimony and/or travel, and it may order a flat rate for certain services, i.e., polygraphs, competency exams, and neurological testing.

All authorizations for services approved prior to August 15, 2020 will remain in effect at the total amount previously authorized, but the provider may begin billing at the new rate for work undertaken beginning August 15, 2020 without further order of the Court.

The Court's current travel policy remains in effect and is amended with the bolded language as follows:

> Unless otherwise approved by the presiding judge, investigators, experts, and other service providers in CJA cases must bill travel time at 50 percent of the approved normal billing rate, subject to exceptions (A) and (B) below.
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> (A) The first six hours traveling by automobile to, and the first six hours traveling by automobile from, a case-related destination (i.e., a destination relevant to the responsibilities or duties assigned to the expert or service provider by the attorney for the defendant).
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> (B) Reasonable travel time at or around the case-related destination in order for the expert or service provider to complete the responsibilities or duties assigned to the expert or service provider by the attorney for the defendant.
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> Time spent performing case-related work while traveling, by any mode of transportation is not "travel time" and should be compensated at the full hourly rate. Case-related work is work relevant to the responsibilities or duties assigned to the expert or service provider by the attorney for the defendant.
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> **Counsel are encouraged to negotiate with service providers, especially higher-cost specialists, for lower hourly rates for travel time.**

If you have questions regarding the new rates or travel policy, please contact the CJA department at 602-322-7150.