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## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA

In the matter of

DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY TO APPROVE CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACT VOUCHERS AND MODIFICATION OF INDEPENDENT PEER REVIEW

**GENERAL ORDER 24-09** 

Effective July 1, 2024, the Court hereby delegates to CJA Resource Counsel authority to approve on behalf of the presiding judicial officer vouchers which are submitted to the Court for payment pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §3006A(d)(5).

Any claimant who wishes to appeal action taken by CJA Resource Counsel serving as the approving official may request review of such action pursuant to Section XII.C.2. of the District of Arizona Criminal Justice Act Plan (CJA Plan).

Section XII.C.2.b. of the CJA Plan is modified for the purpose of addressing appeals of decisions made by CJA Resource Counsel. Upon receipt of a written request for independent peer review, the CJA Resource Counsel shall notify the Court's CJA Administrator, the Panel Attorney District Representative (PADR), and the designated CJA Judge. The PADR in the respective division will recruit two-to-three criminal defense attorneys with significant federal experience to form an Ad Hoc Peer Review Panel. The PADR may serve as a member of the Ad Hoc Peer Review Panel.

Section XII.C.2.c.3. of the CJA Plan is hereby modified to require the PADR, on behalf of the Ad Hoc Peer Review Panel, to submit a written report with its findings and

recommendation to the CJA Resource Counsel. The CJA Resource Counsel shall provide the written report to the Court's CJA Administrator and the designated CJA Judge. The designated CJA Judge will give due weight to the Ad Hoc Peer Review Panel's recommendation in making a final decision.

Dated this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of July, 2024.

G. Murray Snow
Chief United States District Judge