

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA



IN RE;

DELEGATING REVIEW AND  
APPROVAL FOR CERTAIN  
CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACT  
COMPENSATION CLAIMS AND  
AUTHORIZATION REQUESTS

GENERAL ORDER NO. 689

The Criminal Justice Act of 1964, as amended (18 U.S.C. § 3006A) (the “CJA”), requires a United States District Court to create a plan for providing legal representation to financially eligible persons. The United States District Court for the Eastern District of California (“the Court”) has established a *Plan for Implementation and Administration of the Criminal Justice Act* (the “*Plan*”) consistent with the CJA; Ninth Circuit policies and procedures; and the Judicial Conference policies, procedures, and regulations (together, the “CJA Guidelines”). *See* General Order No. 671 (2023). The *Plan* seeks, among other things, to incorporate policies and recommendations from the *2017 Report of the Ad Hoc Committee to Review the Criminal Justice Act of the Judicial Conference* (the “*Cardone Report*”).

Consistent with the *Plan* and *Cardone Report*, the Court delegates to the CJA Coordinating Attorney employed with the Federal Defender California Eastern Office the authority to review, approve, adjust, or deny per the CJA and the *Plan*:

- CJA compensation claims requesting payment (“vouchers”) for attorney services up to \$25,000 per attorney per case;
- Funding requests (“AUTHs”) for interpreters, investigators, paralegals, and other service providers up to a combined \$10,000 per case;
- CJA compensation claims requesting payment (“vouchers”) for the services

by interpreters, investigators, paralegals, and other service providers up to a \$10,000 per case;

- Transcript and routine travel requests and all associated vouchers; and
- Criminal case budgets.

The Court delegates to the CJA Coordinating Attorney employed with the Federal Defender California Eastern Office the authority to review, adjust, or recommend approval or denying per the CJA and the *Plan*:

- CJA compensation claims requesting payment (“vouchers”) for attorney services exceeding \$25,000 per attorney per case.

Individual judges may opt to retain authority to review, approve, adjust, or deny all attorney and service provider vouchers for cases assigned to them, and will inform the CJA Coordinating Attorney employed with the Federal Defender’s Office of the judge’s intent to do so.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: July 15, 2025

FOR THE COURT:



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TROY L. NUNLEY  
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE