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CURRENT CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACT (CJA) RATES AND CASE COMPENSATION MAXIMUMS

Hourly Rates for CJA Panel Attorneys (for services on or after 1/1/2021)

If a case is...	The hourly rate maximum is...
Non-Capital	\$155
Capital	\$197
for service prior to 1/1/2021	see History of CJA Rates

Waivable Case Compensation Maximums for Non-Capital Cases

[Note that there are no statutory attorney case compensation maximums for capital cases. [CJA Guidelines, § 630.10.20](#)]

[Section \(d\)\(2\) of the Criminal Justice Act, 18 U.S.C. §3006A](#), provides that the attorney case compensation maximums increase simultaneously by the aggregate percentage increases in the maximum hourly non-capital rate, rounded to the nearest \$100.

If a case is a...	And services were completed...						
	On or after January 1, 2015, and before 1/1/2016, the case maximum is...	On or after January 1, 2016 and before 5/5/2017, the case maximum is...	On or after May 5, 2017, and before 3/23/2018, the case maximum is...	On or after March 23, 2018, and before 2/15/2019, the case maximum is...	On or after February 15, 2019, and before 1/1/2020, the case maximum is...	On or after January 1, 2020, and before 1/1/2021, the case maximum is...	On or after January 1, 2021, the case maximum is...
Felony (including pre-trial diversion of alleged felony)	\$9,900	\$10,000	\$10,300	\$10,900	\$11,500	\$11,800	\$12,100
Misdemeanor (including pre-trial diversion of alleged misdemeanor)	\$2,800	\$2,900	\$2,900	\$3,100	\$3,300	\$3,400	\$3,400
Proceeding under 18 U.S.C. § 4106A	\$2,100	\$2,100	\$2,200	\$2,300	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,600
Proceeding under 18 U.S.C. §§ 4107 or 4108 (for each verification proceeding)	\$2,800	\$2,900	\$2,900	\$3,100	\$3,300	\$3,400	\$3,400
Proceeding under 18 U.S.C. § 983	\$9,900	\$10,000	\$10,300	\$10,900	\$11,500	\$11,800	\$12,100
Post-conviction proceeding under 28 U.S.C. §§ 2241, 2254 or 2255	\$9,900	\$10,000	\$10,300	\$10,900	\$11,500	\$11,800	\$12,100
Proceeding under 28 U.S.C. § 1875	\$9,900	\$10,000	\$10,300	\$10,900	\$11,500	\$11,800	\$12,100
Appeal (from felony, misdemeanor, proceeding under	\$7,100	\$7,200	\$7,300	\$7,800	\$8,200	\$8,400	\$8,600

18 U.S.C. § 4106A, 18 U.S.C. § 983, post-conviction proceeding under 28 U.S.C. §§ 2241, 2254 or 2255, and 28 U.S.C. § 1875)							
Other representation required or authorized by the CJA (including, but not limited to probation, supervised release hearing, material witness, grand jury witness)	\$2,100	\$2,100	\$2,200	\$2,300	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,600
Appeal of other representation	\$2,100	\$2,100	\$2,200	\$2,300	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,600

Waivable Compensation Maximums for Services other than Counsel (e.g., investigators and experts):

Non-Capital Cases:

[Note: with prior authorization, the maximum applies separately for each service provider; without prior authorization, the maximum applies to the aggregate compensation (excluding expenses) claimed by all services providers combined, not to each service provider individually.]

Services were completed on or after January 1, 2021.

With prior court authorization	\$2,700	CJA Guidelines § 310.20.10
Without prior court authorization	\$900	CJA Guidelines § 310.20.20

If services were completed before January 1, 2021, the maximum with prior court authorization is \$2,600 and without prior court authorization is \$900.

Capital Case:

For capital representations commenced, and capital appeals perfected on or after April 24, 1996, there is a waivable limit of \$7,500. The \$7,500 limit applies to the total payments for investigative, expert, and other services in a case, not to each service individually.

For services provided in earlier capital cases, please contact the [Legal and Policy Division Duty Day Attorney](#) at 202-502-3030.

Mileage Rates:

Reimbursement for representation-related travel by privately owned automobile should be claimed at the [rate currently prescribed for federal judiciary employees](#) who use a private automobile for conduct of official business, plus parking fees, ferry fares, and bridge, road, and tunnel tolls.

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