

Current Criminal Justice Act (CJA) Rates and Case Compensation Maximums

Hourly Rates for CJA Panel Attorneys (for services on or after 3/23/2018)

If a case is...	The hourly rate maximum is...
Non-Capital	\$140
Capital	\$188
for service prior to 3/23/2018 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, 2010, and before March 1, 2014, the case maximum is ...	On or after March 1, 2014, and before 1/1/2015, the case maximum is...	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, the case maximum is...	On or after April 23, 2018, the case maximum is...
Felony (including pre-trial diversion of alleged felony)	\$9,700	\$9,800	\$9,900	\$10,000	\$10,300	\$10,900
Misdemeanor (including pre-trial diversion of alleged misdemeanor)	\$2,800	\$2,800	\$2,800	\$2,900	\$2,900	\$3,100
Proceeding under 18 U.S.C. § 4106A	\$2,100	\$2,100	\$2,100	\$2,100	\$2,200	\$2,300
Proceeding under 18 U.S.C. §§ 4107 or 4108 (for each verification proceeding)	\$2,800	\$2,800	\$2,800	\$2,900	\$2,900	\$3,100
Proceeding under 18 U.S.C. § 983	\$9,700	\$9,800	\$9,900	\$10,000	\$10,300	\$10,900
Post-conviction proceeding under 28 U.S.C. §§ 2241, 2254 or 2255	\$9,700	\$9,800	\$9,900	\$10,000	\$10,300	\$10,900
Proceeding under 28 U.S.C. § 1875	\$9,700	\$9,800	\$9,900	\$10,000	\$10,300	\$7,800

Appeal (from felony, misdemeanor, proceeding under 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)	\$6,900	\$7,000	\$7,100	\$7,200	\$7,300	\$2,300
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	\$2,100	\$2,100	\$2,200	\$2,300
Appeal of other representation	\$2,100	\$2,100	\$2,100	\$2,100	\$2,200	\$2,300

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, 2016.

With prior court authorization	\$2,500	CJA Guidelines § 310.20.10
Without prior court authorization	\$800	CJA Guidelines § 310.20.20

If services were completed before January 1, 2016, the maximum with prior court authorization is \$2,400 and without prior court authorization remains at \$800.

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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