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

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HOURLY RATES FOR CJA PANEL ATTORNEYS FOR SERVICES ON OR AFTER JAN. 1, 2026

If a case is...	The hourly rate maximum is...
Non-Capital	\$177
Capital	\$226
for service before Jan. 1, 2026	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 Jan. 1, 2020, and before Jan. 1, 2021, the case maximum is ...	On or after Jan. 1, 2021, and before Jan. 1, 2022, case maximum is ...	On or after Jan. 1, 2022, and before Jan. 1, 2023, the case maximum is ...	On or after Jan. 1, 2023, and before Jan. 1, 2024, the case maximum is ...	On or after Jan. 1, 2024, and before Jan. 1 2025, the case maximum is ...	On or after Jan. 1, 2025, the case maximum is ...	On or after January 1, 2026, the case maximum is ...
Felony (including pre-trial diversion of alleged felony)	\$11,800	\$12,100	\$12,300	\$12,800	\$13,400	\$13,600	\$13,800
Misdemeanor (including pre-trial diversion of alleged misdemeanor)	\$3,400	\$3,400	\$3,500	\$3,600	\$3,800	\$3,900	\$3,900
Proceeding under 18 U.S.C. § 4106A	\$2,500	\$2,600	\$2,600	\$2,700	\$2,900	\$2,900	\$3,000
Proceeding under 18 U.S.C. §§ 4107 or 4108 (for each verification proceeding)	\$3,400	\$3,400	\$3,500	\$3,600	\$3,800	\$3,900	\$3,900
Proceeding under 18 U.S.C. § 983	\$11,800	\$12,100	\$12,300	\$12,800	\$13,400	\$13,600	\$13,800
Post-conviction proceeding under 28 U.S.C.	\$11,800	\$12,100	\$12,300	\$12,800	\$13,400	\$13,600	\$13,800

§§ 2241, 2254 or 2255

Proceeding under 28 U.S.C. § 1875	\$11,800	\$12,100	\$12,300	\$12,800	\$13,400	\$13,600	\$13,800
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)	\$8,400	\$8,600	\$8,800	\$9,100	\$9,600	\$9,700	\$9,800
Other representation required or authorized by the CJA (including, but not limited to probation, supervised release hearing, material witness, grand jury witness)	\$2,500	\$2,600	\$2,600	\$2,700	\$2,900	\$2,900	\$3,000
Appeal of other representation	\$2,500	\$2,600	\$2,600	\$2,700	\$2,900	\$2,900	\$3,000

WAIVABLE COMPENSATION MAXIMUMS FOR SERVICES OTHER THAN COUNSEL (EXAMPLES: 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 Jan. 1, 2024.

With prior court authorization	\$3,000	CJA Guidelines § 310.20.10
Without prior court authorization	\$1,000	CJA Guidelines § 310.20.20

If services were completed before Jan. 1, 2024, the maximum with prior court authorization is \$2,800 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](#), 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.

