

Current Criminal Justice (CJA) Rates and Case Compensation Maximums

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Hourly Rates for CJA Panel Attorneys (for services on or after 1/1/2008)

If a case is...	The hourly rate maximum is...	Authority
Non-Capital	\$100	CJA Guidelines 2.22A(1)
Capital	\$170	CJA Guidelines 6.02A(1)
for service prior to 1/1/2008	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 6.02A(2)]

The "Judicial Administration and Technical Amendments Act of 2008," Pub. L. No. 110-406, enacted into law on Oct

If a case is a...	And services were completed...	
	Before October 13, 2008, the case maximum is...	On or after October 13, 2008, the case maximum is...
Felony (including pre-trial diversion of alleged felony)	\$7,000	\$7,800
Misdemeanor (including pre-trial diversion of alleged misdemeanor)	\$2,000	\$2,200
Proceeding under 18 U.S.C. § 4106A	\$1,500	\$1,700
Proceeding under 18 U.S.C. §§ 4107 or 4108 (for each verification proceeding)	\$2,000	\$2,200
Proceeding under 18 U.S.C. § 983	\$7,000	\$7,800
Post-conviction proceeding under 18 U.S.C. §§ 2241, 2254 or 2255	\$7,000	\$7,800
Proceeding under 28 U.S.C. § 1875	\$7,000	\$7,800
Appeal (from felony, misdemeanor, proceeding under 18 U.S.C. § 4106A, 18 U.S.C. § 983, post-conviction proceeding under 18 U.S.C. §§ 2241, 2254 or 2255, and 28 U.S.C. § 1875)	\$5,000	\$5,600
Other representation required or authorized by the CJA (including, but not limited to probation, supervised release hearing, material witness, grand jury witness)	\$1,500	\$1,700
Appeal of other representation	\$1,500	\$1,700

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

Non-Capital Cases:

[Note: the maximums apply separately for each category of service]

With prior court authorization	\$1,600	CJA Guidelines 3.02
Without prior court authorization	\$500	CJA Guidelines 3.02

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.