

CJA

Frequently Asked Questions

Amended September 5, 2013

● **What is the current pay rate for CJA Attorneys?**

The hourly CJA compensation rates are determined by the date and the type of work performed.

CJA Compensation Rates

Dates	In-Court	Out-of-Court
09/01/2013 to 09/30/2014	\$110.00	\$110.00
01/01/10 to 08/31/2013	\$125.00	\$125.00
From 03/11/09 to 12/31/09	\$110.00	\$110.00

● **How do I submit my voucher for payment?**

You must submit your voucher in eVoucher. If you have not received training, please contact Renea Ferrante at 509-458-3413 or Jaime White at 509-458-3416.

● **Can I be reimbursed for large expenses prior to the end of the case?**

Yes. If expenses, such as copying costs for discovery documents, total between \$300.00 and \$500.00, you can submit a CJA 20 form for reimbursement prior to the end of the case. The expenses totaling over \$300 can be the only item on the CJA 20 form.

● **Can I claim mileage? What is the mileage rate?**

You may claim mileage for the use of a privately owned automobile.

Mileage Rates

Dates	Rate Per Mile
From 01/01/13 to present	\$.565
From 04/17/12 to 12/31/12	\$.555
From 01/01/11 to 04/16/12	\$.51
From 01/01/10 to 12/31/10	\$.50
From 02/01/09 to 12/31/09	\$.55
From 08/01/08 to 01/31/09	\$.585

● **Where do I claim mileage and parking expenses on the CJA voucher?**

Both mileage and parking are to be claimed as travel expenses.

● **What is required if my fee will exceed the maximum limits?**

Counsel must first seek a finding that the case is “extended” or “complex”. If any case in which the total compensation is in excess of the compensation maximum, counsel shall submit a CJA 26 Memorandum supporting and justifying counsel’s claim that the representation given was in an extended or complex case, and that the excess payment is necessary to provide fair compensation. See, Guide to Judicial Policies and Procedures, Volume 7, Part A, Chapter 2, §230.23.20 and §230.23.40.

§ 230.23.20 Current Attorney Case Compensation Maximums

If the case is a...	the case maximum is...
Felony (except federal capital prosecutions)	\$9,700 for trial court level \$6,900 for appeal
Misdemeanors (including petty offenses (class B or C misdemeanors or infractions) as set forth in) 18 U.S.C. § 3006A(a)(2)(A))	\$2,800 for trial court level \$6,900 for appeal
Parole Violation Proceedings under 18 U.S.C. § 4106A (in connection with paroled prisoners transferred to the United States)	\$2,100 representation before U.S. Parole Commission \$6,900 for appeal
Non-Capital Post-Conviction Proceedings under 28 U.S.C. § 2241 , § 2254 or § 2255	\$9,700 for trial court level \$6,900 for appeal

<p>Other Representations including probation violations; supervised release hearings; parole proceedings; material witness in custody; mental condition hearings under 18 U.S.C. chapter 313 (except for hearings under 18 U.S.C. § 4241 and § 4244, which are considered part of the case in chief with no separate compensation maximums applying. (For a chart detailing the treatment for the purpose of compensation of representation at each hearing under 18 U.S.C. chapter 313, see: Guide, Vol7A, § 220.30(f)); civil or criminal contempt (where the person faces loss of liberty); witness (before a grand jury, a court, the Congress, or a federal agency or commission which has the power to compel testimony, where there is a reason to believe either before or during testimony, that the witness could be subject to a criminal prosecution, a civil or criminal contempt proceeding, or face loss of liberty); and international extradition (under 18 U.S.C. chapter 209).</p>	<p>\$2,100 for trial court level \$2,100 for each level of appeal</p>
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●What are the dollar limitations for expert services?

For CJA vouchers that total:

Up to \$800	No prior approval required
\$800 to \$2,400	District Court Judge approval required
Over \$2,400	Ninth Circuit approval required

●If you have any further questions:

Please call the Clerk’s Office and ask for the appropriate CJA Clerk assigned by case number.

Spokane Clerk’s Office: (509) 458-3400

Court’s Website: <http://www.waed.uscourts.gov>