

Case Budgeting Assistance

Once it is reasonably apparent to CJA counsel that the cost of representation for a defendant will likely exceed 150 attorney hours (or \$23,250 based on the current CJA rate of \$155/hour), the court may request development of a complete or staged budget for the defendant's representation. Budgeting is accomplished with the assistance of the CJA Supervising Attorney. Cases that will likely exceed 300 hours (\$46,500) may require consultation with the Ninth Circuit's Case Budgeting Attorney. Budgeting is mandatory for capital cases and cases expected to exceed \$100,000 in combined costs.

[Ninth Circuit Case Management and Budgeting Policy](#)

Resources - Contacts

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Capital Defense Network: <http://www.capdefnet.org/>

Defender Services Office: <https://www.fd.org/>

Budget Submission

Case budgets should be submitted using the WAED Litigation Planning Form (link follows) via eVoucher as an uploaded attachment to a CJA-26 voucher. [Use the Litigation Planning Form](#) available on the court's CJA web page under "Manuals/Instructions/Forms." Provide the form to the CJA Supervising Attorney for review and consultation prior to submitting the form in eVoucher.

CJA Guidelines

[WAED Criminal Justice Act Plan.](#)

Eligible Non-Capital Representations [[Guide, Vol. 7, § 230.26](#)]

Capital Representations [[Guide, Vol. 7, § 640](#)]