

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

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SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
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In the matter of)
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CJA PANEL ATTORNEYS)
INTERIM COMPENSATION)
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Order of the
Chief Judge No. 19

On March 17, 2020, the Court issued Order of Chief Judge No. 18, limiting Court operations in response to the recent outbreak of the coronavirus (COVID-19). As a result, most criminal proceedings in the Southern District of California have been continued until at least April 16, 2020.

Many criminal defendants in this District are represented by Criminal Justice Act (CJA) Panel Attorneys. Under Appendix IV of the District's CJA Plan, CJA Panel Attorneys may only submit claims for compensation after final disposition of the case unless good cause is shown. The disruption to Court operations caused by COVID-19 will also cause a disruption in making timely payments to, and place a financial burden on, CJA Panel Attorneys and their service providers.

To alleviate these financial burdens, CJA Panel Attorneys and their service providers may submit interim vouchers for compensation, without prior Court approval, so long as the voucher exceeds \$500 for attorneys and \$250 for service providers and is not submitted within two months of a prior interim voucher in the same criminal matter. For cases that exceed (or are expected to exceed) the applicable statutory maximum, neither CJA Panel Attorneys nor their service providers may submit interim vouchers without prior approval. This Order will expire when the restrictions put in place by Order of Chief Judge No. 18 are lifted.

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IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: 3-23-2020

Larry A. Burns

LARRY ALAN BURNS
Chief United States District Judge