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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA**

In re:)
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INTERIM CJA VOUCHERS) GENERAL ORDER NO. 20-08

The Court issued General Order Number 20-06 (amending and superseding General Order Number 20-05) which limits Court operations in response to the recent outbreak of the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). Pursuant to that Order, all criminal hearings and trials scheduled before April 30, 2020, have been continued until further Order of the Court. Though preliminary criminal proceedings continue to be conducted, General Order 20-06 authorizes magistrate judges to exercise discretion as to the timing, frequency, and manner of conducting those proceedings.

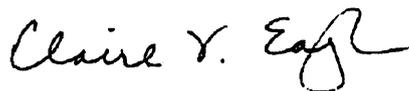
The Court recognizes that this disruption to Court operations may cause a disruption to timely payments and place a financial burden on Criminal Justice Act (CJA) Panel Attorneys, their staff, and their service providers. In order to mitigate the financial hardship of delayed payments, and to ensure the continued high quality of criminal representation by CJA Panel Attorneys, the Court authorizes counsel providing representation under the CJA to submit interim vouchers for payment of fees and expenses for both attorneys and their service providers in any case, without the necessity of filing a Motion for an Order Allowing Interim Payments. The initial voucher may be submitted no sooner than four months after the date of appointment for services rendered to date. Subsequent interim vouchers may be submitted when the current interim voucher amount is greater than \$4,000 or at intervals of four months after the date of the previously submitted interim voucher, whichever occurs first. Within 45 days of the conclusion of the representation, counsel should submit a final voucher, without regard to the amount of the claim or the date of any previously submitted voucher. The submission of an interim voucher is not required but is intended

to alleviate the anticipated hardship on counsel of undertaking representation for an extended period of time without compensation and to expedite the processing, review, and payment of CJA vouchers. The Court reserves the right to delay or withhold payment on any interim voucher. This Order is entered on a temporary basis and will be rescinded when deemed appropriate by the Court.

SO ORDERED this 8th day of April, 2020.



JOHN E. DOWDELL
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE



CLAIRE V. EAGAN
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE



GREGORY K. FRIZZELL
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE



TERENCE C. KERN
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE