

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF OREGON

In the matter of:

**Delegating Review and Approval for
Criminal Justice Act Compensation Claims
and Authorization Requests**

**STANDING
ORDER No. 2023-8**

Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3006A(e)(2), prior authorization is required for expert and other services if the total cost of those services exceeds \$900. CJA representations in this District routinely require the services of investigators, interpreters, paralegals, litigation support, and psychologists at a cost in excess of \$900. In order to avoid the necessity of CJA defense counsel having to expend the time to apply to exceed the \$900 maximum, the Court hereby pre-authorizes services by the following enumerated service providers: 1) investigators, 2) interpreters, 3) paralegals, 4) psychologists, and 5) litigation support, up to the waivable case compensation maximum set by the Guide to Judiciary Policy, Volume 7A, § 310.20.10 (a), currently \$2,800, for each type of enumerated service. The Court limits pre-authorization to one service provider per type of enumerated service per case, with the exception of interpreters. If additional experts or service providers are needed, counsel shall submit in eVoucher an advance request for authorization of those experts or service providers. CJA defense counsel and service providers shall otherwise comply with 18 U.S.C. § 3006A(e)(2).

The Court delegates to the Federal Public Defender (or delegate), the authority to review, approve, adjust, or deny in accordance with the Criminal Justice Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3006A, and the Criminal Justice Act Plan for the District of Oregon,

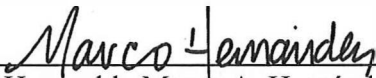
- A. Any CJA request pre-authorized by this Order;
- B. All expert or service provider compensation claims (“vouchers”) within the case compensation maximum (currently \$2,800) for services that have been pre-authorized by this Order or authorized by the presiding judge; and
- C. Any CJA request to exceed the statutory maximum for interpreter fees, up to \$5,000 per eVoucher appointment, and all associated vouchers.

All approved requests and vouchers shall be maintained in the eVoucher system to allow for review and audit.

Standing Order 2017-5 is vacated.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED this 19 day of May, 2023.



The Honorable Marco A. Hernández
United States District Court Chief Judge