

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE

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United States District Court
Eastern District of Tennessee
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In Re:)
) SO-20-07
CJA Panel Attorneys Interim Compensation)
During COVID-19 Pandemic)

ORDER

The Court issued Standing Order 20-06, which limits Court operations in response to the recent outbreak of the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). As part of the response, criminal jury trials are continued. Other non-essential hearings may be continued in the discretion of the judge. Considering the ever-changing circumstances and the anticipated increase in community spread of COVID-19, the Court may issue further orders as the situation evolves, including possible extensions of the timeframes set forth in Standing Order 20-06.

Many criminal defendants in the Eastern District of Tennessee are represented by CJA Panel Attorneys. Under Section XII of the Criminal Justice Act Plan for the Eastern District of Tennessee, 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 to timely payments to, and place a financial burden on, CJA Panel Attorneys. In response, the Court hereby authorizes CJA Panel Attorneys to submit interim vouchers for compensation, without prior Court approval, so long as the interim voucher exceeds \$500 and is not submitted within two months of the prior interim voucher in the same matter. Accordingly,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that CJA Panel Attorneys may submit interim vouchers for compensation, without prior Court approval, so long as the voucher exceeds \$500 and is not

submitted within two months of a prior interim voucher in the same criminal matter. This Order shall become effective upon entry and remain in effect until modified or abrogated by the Court.

ENTER:



CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE