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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
EASTERN DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMAPATRICK KEANEY
Clerk, U.S. District CourtBy _____
Deputy Clerk

IN RE: INTERIM CJA VOUCHERS

) General Order No. 20-10

GENERAL ORDER

On April 6, 2020, the Court issued General Order No. 20-9 (amending General Order 20-6) which continued certain court operations in response to the recent outbreak of the coronavirus known as COVID-19. Pursuant to that Order, all jury trials, grand jury sessions, and naturalization ceremonies have been continued through June 1, 2020, pending further order of the Court. Though preliminary civil and criminal proceedings continue to be conducted, the judges of the Court are exercising their discretion as to the timing, frequency, and manner of conducting those proceedings.

The Court recognizes that this disruption to Court operations, in the context of criminal proceedings, 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 This Order is entered on a temporary basis and will be rescinded when deemed appropriate by the Court.

It is so ordered this 9th day of April, 2020.



RONALD A. WHITE
CHIEF JUDGE, UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT