

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA

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BONNIE HACKLER
Clerk, U.S. District Court

By _____
Deputy Clerk

IN RE: SUBMISSION OF)
INTERIM CJA VOUCHERS)

General Order No. 23-11

GENERAL ORDER

On April 9, 2020, the Court issued General Order Number 20-10, which permitted submission of interim Criminal Justice Act (CJA) vouchers on a temporary basis. General Order 20-10 was issued in response to the limitations imposed on court operations due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

Submission of interim vouchers has resulted in a significant benefit to both the Court and to Criminal Justice Act (CJA) panel attorneys. It is the Court's determination that the practice of permitting submission of interim vouchers should be continued on a permanent basis.

Accordingly, General Order Number 20-10 is hereby superseded by this General Order. Counsel providing representation as a CJA panel defender may submit interim CJA-20 vouchers for payment of fees and reimbursement of allowable expenses, in any case, without first filing a motion requesting approval for interim billing. In each case, initial interim vouchers may be submitted no sooner than four months after the date of appointment. 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 first occurs. Within forty-five (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 interim voucher.

Submission of interim vouchers is not required but is intended to alleviate potential hardship on counsel when undertaking representation for an extended period without compensation and to expedite the processing, review and payment of CJA-20 vouchers. The Court reserves the right to delay or withhold payment on any interim voucher.

SO ORDERED this 1st day of June 2023.

Ronald A. White

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CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE