

**NOTICE TO CJA PANEL ATTORNEYS OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF  
MISDEMEANOR AND FELONY VOUCHER PRESUMPTIVE  
MAXIMUMS FOR THE COURT OF APPEALS**

Notice is hereby given of the establishment of voucher presumptive maximums for representation of indigent defendants under the Criminal Justice Act (CJA) in the DC Court of Appeals. Prior to October 2008 the statutory maximum payment for appellate work performed under the CJA, absent good cause shown, was \$3600 for felony appeals and \$1900 for misdemeanor appeals. After October 2008, \$5000 was set as the statutory maximum payment under the Act for both misdemeanor and felony appeals. While the distinction between the statutory maximum payment was eliminated as between misdemeanors and felonies, the Court is still of the opinion that CJA representation in misdemeanor cases is generally less complex and extended than representation in felony cases. For that reason, the court has developed presumptive maximums for misdemeanor cases based on current voucher and case data. While these presumptive maximum amounts are not new ceilings, any request for compensation in excess of the presumptive maximum must be accompanied by a letter explaining why the representation in that particular case is deserving of greater compensation than is provided for below:

<b>MISDEMEANOR BENCH TRIAL WITH 4 OR LESS WITNESSES LASTING 3 DAYS OR LESS.</b>	<b>\$ 2500.00</b>
<b>CONDITIONAL PLEAS THAT MEET THE ABOVE CRITERIA (FELONY OR MISDEMEANOR)</b>	<b>\$ 2500.00</b>
<b>D.C. CODE § 23-110 MOTIONS WITHOUT A HEARING</b>	<b>\$ 2500.00</b>
<b>ANY OTHER POST CONVICTION/SENTENCING HEARING</b>	<b>\$ 2500.00</b>
<b>MISDEMEANOR JURY TRIALS</b>	<b>\$3500.00</b>

Eric T. Washington  
Chief Judge

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