

## UPDATE FOR SUBMISSION OF CJA VOUCHERS

The CJA statute provides for the submission of vouchers only at the completion of a criminal case; however, in recognition of delays in calendaring appeals, the Chief Judge has permitted the filing of initial appellate vouchers that are within either the statutory maximum amounts for felonies or within the presumptive amounts for misdemeanors at the time of the filing of appellant's brief. A review of our current practices and the advent of the web voucher system has convinced the Chief Judge that the submission of vouchers upon the filing of appellant's brief is no longer necessary to ensure that CJA counsel is being timely compensated for work done on behalf of indigent appellants. However, because the calendaring of cases depends on a number of factors, some of which the Court cannot control, the Court believes that a modification of the current early submission practice is a better alternative than a return to the practice of all vouchers being submitted at the completion of the appeal. Therefore, for the foregoing reasons, vouchers that meet the following criteria **may** be submitted prior to the completion of the case on appeal:

1. All briefing has been completed, including any reply briefs that may be filed;
2. The submitted voucher includes all work performed on the appeal up to and including the filing of any reply brief; and
3. The voucher does not exceed the presumptive maximum for misdemeanors, as outlined in the Notice to CJA Counsel issued on March 5, 2010, or \$4500.00 for felonies.

**A single supplemental voucher will be issued for all time spent on an appeal including compliance with Qualls and may be submitted only after the Qualls letter is sent, unless a petition for rehearing /rehearing en banc is filed. Then the supplemental voucher should be submitted once a decision has been reached on the petition for rehearing/rehearing en banc. A second supplemental may be requested if you file a petition for writ of certiorari.**

Beginning July 1, 2011, all supplemental vouchers, whether the initial voucher was issued electronically or in paper form, shall be issued electronically and the request must be made on-line. If you have technical questions or there are errors in the voucher please submit your inquiry at the help button on the web voucher site. Any programming issue or voucher correction cannot be made by DCCA and must be made by the web voucher site.

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