

CJA, CCAN AND GUARDIANSHIP HOURLY RATE INCREASE

Pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023, the Joint Committee on Judicial Administration in the District of Columbia (Joint Committee) is pleased to announce a \$20 hourly rate increase for attorney representation under the Criminal Justice Act (CJA), Counsel for Child Abuse and Neglect (CCAN), and the District of Columbia Guardianship, Protective Proceedings, and Durable Power of Attorney Act as well as a \$20 an hour rate increase for investigative services. The hourly compensation rate for attorneys will increase from \$90 to \$110 and the hourly rate for investigative services will increase from \$25 to \$45. The hourly rate increase applies to cases and proceedings initiated on or after January 1, 2023. In November 2022, the Joint Committee raised the annual limit on defender services compensation from \$160,000 to \$180,000, effective January 2, 2023. Thank you for all of your efforts in enhancing access to justice for indigents clients and vulnerable persons.