

INTERPRETERS PAID UNDER THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACT (CJA)

(Revised September, 2012)

Rates may be negotiated between the interpreter and the CJA attorney, but should not exceed the statutory limitations provided below. Without prior judicial authorization, the current compensation maximum is \$800. With advance judicial authorization, compensation for interpreter services is limited to \$2,400 pursuant to 18 USC § 3006A(e) (exclusive of expenses), except as provided below.

Payment in excess of the \$2,400 limit for services authorized prior to the performance thereof may be made when certified by the United States judge or magistrate judge and approved by the chief judge of the circuit as being necessary to provide fair compensation for services of an unusual character or duration.

With respect to capital cases, there is no requirement for review and approval by the chief judge of the court of appeals (or delegate) for cases commenced and appellate proceedings in which an appeal is perfected before April 24, 1996. However, with respect to capital cases commenced and capital appellate proceedings in which an appeal is perfected on or after April 24, 1996, there is a provision for review and approval by the chief judge of the court of appeals (or delegate) of all investigative, expert, and other services, including interpreting, where the combined compensation and expenses are in excess of \$7,500 pursuant to 18 USC § 3599(g)(2).

Since the specific fee allowances fluctuate periodically as a result of statutory changes or fund availability, the Clerk should refer to the court's CJA plan and Volume VII of the Guide to Judiciary Policies and Procedures for current information.

FEE RATES TO BE PAID TO FREELANCE INTERPRETERS

(Effective February 1, 2010)

The following rates have been set by the Director:

Certified and Professionally Qualified Interpreters:

Full Day:	\$388
Half Day:	\$210
Overtime:	\$ 55 per hour or part thereof

Language Skilled (Non-certified) Interpreters:

Full Day:	\$187
Half Day:	\$103
Overtime:	\$ 32 per hour or part thereof