Instructions for eVoucher AUTH and CJA 21 Vouchers

If a service provider's fees are **over \$1000**, you must seek Judge's prior approval by submitting a motion (include anticipated costs) and receiving an order **<u>BEFORE</u>** following **STEPS 1 & 2**. If a service provider's fees are **at or below \$1000** you will begin at **STEP 2** (no prior approval required). IMPORTANT: When you <u>have an order</u>, you must to create an **AUTH voucher** regardless of whether or not the actual invoice for services rendered is at or below \$1000.

Please note:

- A) The expert must be established in eVoucher (CJA Expert Services Provider Information Form may be found at <u>txwd.uscourts.gov</u> under the CJA tab, Criminal Justice Act Forms link).
- B) You will not be able to initiate the voucher process prior to the expert being established.

STEP 1: AUTH voucher (Authorization)

Once you have received an order granting fees in excess of \$1000 and the expert has been established, you will create an **AUTH** voucher.

- 1. Search and select your appointment from your "Appointments List" folder
- 2. Click on **AUTH Create** in the blue section to the left of your screen
- 3. Select Create New Authorization from the bottom of the Basic Info screen
- 4. Complete the **Basic Info** tab, entering the <u>amount indicated in the order</u>
- 5. Attach the order under the **Documents** tab or reference it under the **Basic Info** tab
- 6. Click **Save**, then under the **Confirmation** tab, click the checkbox and then click **Submit NOTE:** <u>Creating the **AUTH voucher** does **NOT** generate a payment to the expert.</u>

When the AUTH has been approved (status "Document Closed"), you will proceed to Step 2.

STEP 2: CJA 21 voucher (Payment to expert)

You will create a CJA 21 voucher on behalf of the expert and include his/her invoice as support to the voucher.

- 1. Search and select your appointment from your "Appointments List" folder
- 2. Click on CJA 21 Create in the blue section to the left of your screen
- 3. Select the desired authorization and click anywhere in that associated AUTH ID number box you are wanting to use (area will turn a blue color if done correctly) NOTE: Click "No Authorization Required" if claim is less than \$1000(no order required)
- 4. Select the Service Type from drop down list
- 5. Select the Expert name from the drop-down list
- 6. Make certain the "Attorney" radio button is selected at the Voucher Assignment option
- 7. Click Create Voucher
- 8. Enter information from invoice
- 9. Attach the invoice under the Documents tab
- 10. Click **Save**, then on the **Confirmation** tab click the checkbox and then click **Submit**

Voucher will now be visible in your "My Active Documents" folder with the status "Submitted to Attorney." You will then,

- 1. Click on the voucher number
- 2. Verify all entered information is correct
- 3. Click **Save**, then on the **Confirmation** tab click the checkbox and then click **Approve**

Voucher is now submitted to court and visible under your "My Service Providers Documents" folder and "My Submitted Documents" folder on your HOME page.