

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

IN RE: :
 : **STANDING ORDER**
INTERIM PAYMENTS TO CJA :
PANEL ATTORNEYS AND SERVICE :
PROVIDERS :

This Court has taken significant steps to limit its operations due to the COVID-19 pandemic and in the interest of public health and safety. These changes to court operations have the potential to disrupt timely payments to and place a financial burden on Criminal Justice Act (CJA) Panel Attorneys, their staff, and their service providers. Delays due to the temporary continuance of criminal trials and other proceedings in individual criminal cases may extend the periods of representation by CJA counsel, who often are not compensated until after final disposition of a case.

Interim payments to CJA counsel and their service providers may be authorized in appropriate cases. *See Guide to Judiciary Policy*, Vol. 7A, Ch. 2, § 230.73, Ch. 3, § 310.60, and Ch. 6 §§ 630.40, 660.40. In order to mitigate the financial hardship of delayed payments, and to ensure the continued high quality of criminal representation by CJA Panel Attorneys, the Court finds good cause to permit CJA counsel and their service providers to submit interim vouchers for services rendered in all pending matters in this district, without the necessity of seeking prior Court approval. Interim vouchers submitted pursuant to this Standing Order must either exceed \$500 in attorney fees or \$250 in service provider fees, or be submitted no sooner than two months after submission of a prior interim voucher in the same matter. Within 45 days of the conclusion of the representation, counsel should submit a final voucher, without regard to the amount of the claim or the date of any previously submitted voucher.

Submission of interim vouchers is not required but is permitted in order to alleviate the anticipated hardship on counsel of undertaking representation for an extended period of time without compensation. This Order will remain in place until further notice.

/s/ Juan R. Sánchez
Juan R. Sánchez
Chief Judge

Date: April 13, 2020