

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

**In the matter of** :  
 :  
**OBTAINING CJA INTERPRETING** : **General Order No.**  
**SERVICES WITHOUT PRIOR** :  
**AUTHORIZATION** :

**ORDER**

AND NOW, this 28<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §3006A(e)(2) and (5), prior authorization by the assigned Judge is required for Criminal Justice Act (CJA) investigative, expert, and other services if the total cost of those services exceeds \$1,000.00. In the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, CJA representations routinely require use of the services of interpreters, and the cost of those combined services ordinarily exceeds this statutory maximum in hundreds of cases each year. Therefore, the Court hereby finds that such services are necessary for adequate representation and authorizes CJA counsel to utilize the services of interpreters up to the prevailing waivable case compensation maximum, currently \$3,000.00, as set by the CJA Guide, Volume 7A, Ch. 3, § 310.20.10(A), without further order of the Court. The Court also authorizes interpreters to receive interim payment before final disposition of the case, finding that interpreting services are necessary to ensure that adequate representation of the CJA defendant is maintained. CJA counsel and service providers must otherwise comply with 18 U.S.C. §3006A(e)(2).

IT IS SO ORDERED.

/s/ Mitchell S. Goldberg  
Mitchell S. Goldberg  
Chief Judge