United States District Court District of South Dakota

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All CJA Panel Attorneys:

On occasion, the Clerk's Office receives inquiries regarding Criminal Justice Act (CJA) payments that have not been received. When a payment has not been received, it may be due to the Treasury Offset Program (TOP or Program). This is a database for offset debts due to the government.

Once a CJA voucher is processed locally, it is referred to the Program. If a debt is owed to the government, the Department of Treasury collects pursuant to 31 U.S.C. § 3716(c). If there is no debt, it disburses payment.

Prior to being entered in the TOP database, payment recipients (in this case attorneys and service providers) are notified of the debt and provided an opportunity to dispute the claim. They are notified again when a payment is withheld or reduced.

If you have an inquiry regarding a payment not being received or a payment that is less than the approved voucher amount, please contact the TOP Call Center at 1-800-304-3107. For more information, you may also access the Department of Treasury's Financial Management Service website at https://fiscal.treasury.gov/fsservices/gov/debtColl/dms/top/debt_top.htm.

If you have an inquiry regarding a payment not being received or a payment that is less that the approved amount and you are not subject to 31 U.S.C. § 3716(c), then please call our office.