



NEWS FROM U.S. DISTRICT COURT

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CJA Payments. Payments under the Criminal Justice Act rose in 2022. Attorney payments were up 27% from the previous year. The district processed 337 CJA 20 attorney vouchers in 2022 totaling \$3,191,752.58. Expenditures for experts and investigators rose 32% from \$272,853.05 in 2021 to \$360,728.70 in 2022. Comparing our payment data to the Federal Public Defender's appointment statistics, CJA panel attorneys received 28% of all appointments.

DOJ-3 Fact Witness Vouchers Regarding Minors. The Special Authorizations Unit of the Justice Management Division recently released new instructions regarding the completion of DOJ-3 Fact Witness Vouchers for minor witnesses and/or travel companions. Neither the juveniles' name nor their social security number should be listed on the DOJ-3 form. Instead, the name and SSN of the parent or guardian traveling with the minor should be listed. In addition, the statement "*In care of minor witness*" or "*In care of minor travel companion*" should be annotated next to the name of the parent or guardian on the voucher. A subpoena is still required for payment of fees and expenses. This new guidance is to help ensure the name and identity of a minor participating in the criminal justice system, either as Fact Witness or as a Travel Companion, is protected.

Reminder. The Court will be closed on Monday, May 29th in honor of Memorial Day.