

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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JUDGE MCMAHON

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In Re: CORONAVIRUS/COVID-19
PANDEMIC

M 10-468

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This order relates to:
Interim CJA Vouchers Authorization

STANDING ORDER

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McMahon, C.:

WHEREAS, the disruption to Court operations caused by the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) may result in a disruption of timely payments and place a financial burden on Criminal Justice Act (CJA) Panel Attorneys, their staff and their service providers; and

WHEREAS, it is in the interest of justice to mitigate the financial hardship of delayed payments, and to ensure the continued high quality of criminal representation by CJA Panel Attorneys;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT counsel providing representation under the CJA may submit interim vouchers for payment of fees and expenses for both attorneys and their service providers in any case, without the necessity of filing a Motion for an Order Allowing Interim Payments.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT the initial voucher may be submitted (no sooner than four months after the date of appointment/for services rendered to date). Subsequent interim vouchers may be submitted either at intervals of three months from the date of the last previously submitted interim vouched or when the then-current interim voucher amount is greater than \$5,000.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT, within 45 days of the conclusion of the representation, and without the need to wait a full three months from the date of the last interim voucher, counsel shall submit a final voucher, which shall be for the balance due for the representation.

This order shall expire, unless otherwise extended, on September 30, 2020.

The submission of interim vouchers is not required, but is intended to alleviate the anticipated hardship on counsel of undertaking representation for an extended period of time without compensation, as well as to expedite the processing, review and payment of CJA vouchers.

The Court reserves the right to review vouchers, to disallow payments deemed to be excessive, or to delay or withhold payment on any interim voucher.

A copy of this order shall be placed on the court's web site and shall be transmitted by email from the Clerk of the Court to all members of the Southern District of New York's CJA Panel.

Entered, this 21st Day of April, 2020.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "W. J. Hall", written in black ink.

Chief Judge