

# CJA eVOUCHER 5.0

## SUMMARY OF CHANGES AND NEW FEATURES FOR ATTORNEYS

### ***Eliminating AUTH-24s: Contact Court Reporters to Request Transcripts***

Instead of submitting an AUTH-24 in eVoucher, you should contact the appropriate court reporter directly to request a transcript. The court reporter will then create the CJA-24 and notify you when it is ready for approval.

### ***Requesting Increases on Authorizations: Send Requests Via Email***

If an AUTH has already been submitted to obtain approval for expert services that will exceed \$800, and you need to request an increase on the authorized amount, you should email a letter requesting the increase to the eVoucher email box at [evoucher\\_oknd@oknd.uscourts.gov](mailto:evoucher_oknd@oknd.uscourts.gov). A second AUTH for expert services should NOT be submitted in eVoucher in the same case.

### ***New! Audit Assist Function: View Errors or Warnings Before Submitting Your Document***

The new **Audit Assist** button appears on the Certification tab (final tab). If you click the **Audit Assist** button before you submit the voucher, and something is incorrect, you will receive either an error or warning message.

- When an error message is displayed, you are not allowed to continue with the voucher until the condition has been changed. Errors include vouchers dated prior to the appointment date and overlapping voucher dates.
- When a warning message is displayed, you may continue with the voucher, but the Court may require more information or additional changes before the document is approved. Warnings are displayed when vouchers exceed requested amounts, in-court dates are after the appointment termination date, multiple vouchers are submitted for the same date, etc.

### ***Increase in CJA Rates and Maximum Compensation Amounts***

The new panel attorney hourly rates of \$132 for non-capital representations and \$185 for capital representations apply to services performed on or after May 5, 2017. Where the appointment of counsel occurred before May 5, 2017, the new hourly compensation rates apply to that portion of services provided on or after the effective date.

Accordingly, the case compensation maximum amounts for non-capital representations, excluding expenses, are increased to \$10,300, \$7,300, and \$2,200, respectively. The new case compensation maximums apply to any voucher submitted by appointed counsel if that person furnished any CJA-compensable work on or after May 5, 2017.