

## RATES

The chart below sets forth the general rates that will be paid to service providers for work performed on or after July 1, 2020, though rates may be adjusted in individual cases, consistent with current Central District CJA policies and procedures. Rates paid to experts are set individually in each case, within ranges set by the Ninth Circuit.

**CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
CJA SERVICE PROVIDER HOURLY RATES  
(effective July 1, 2020)**

<b>Service Provider/Expert</b>	<b>Hourly Rate</b>	<b>Type of Tasks</b>
Paralegal	\$65	All Tasks Performed & Travel Time
	\$75	Tasks Requiring Use of the Paralegal's Foreign Language Skill
Paralegal Lawyer	\$75	All Tasks Performed & Travel Time
Investigator	\$55	Tasks Involving Record Collection & Related Travel Time
	\$75	Routine Tasks & Travel Time
	\$95	Tasks Requiring Specialized Skills (a high level of investigative expertise relevant to the type of crime alleged or other special skills the case requires)
	\$115	Tasks Requiring Use of the Investigator's Foreign Language Skill
Capital Mitigation Specialist	\$125	All Tasks Performed & Travel Time
Capital Mitigation Specialist Proficient in a Foreign Language (when the case requires extensive use of those language skills)	\$150	All Tasks Performed & Travel Time
Associate Counsel	\$90-\$125	See the <a href="#">Central District's Associate Counsel Policy</a>
Experts	Rates Set Individually in Each Case within Ranges Approved by the Ninth Circuit (see below)	All Tasks Performed Except for Travel Time (which must be negotiated within the terms set forth by the Travel Time Policy summarized on the CACD CJA-02 Expert AUTH Form)
Interpreters/Translators		See <a href="#">interpreter and translation rates</a>

**NINTH CIRCUIT APPROVED RATE RANGES  
FOR EXPERT WITNESSES IN CJA CASES  
(effective January 31, 2022)**

<b>Other Service Provider Categories</b>		
Accident Reconstruction	\$150 – \$200	
Accountant	\$125 – \$275	
Accounting Staff (non-CPA)	\$65	e.g., reviewing/summarizing/preparing financial records
Attorney Expert – Capital	CJA Hourly Rate	
Attorney Expert – Non-Capital	CJA Hourly Rate	e.g., immigration law expert
Audio, Video, Photo Forensic Analyst	\$125 – \$200	
Audio, Video, Photo Technician	\$25 – \$100	e.g., creating video exhibits, taking or enlarging photos, enhancing audio or video recordings, etc.
Ballistics/Firearms Expert	\$150 – \$300	
Canine Expert	\$125 – \$200	
Chemist/Toxicologist (B.S. or Ph.D.)	\$150 – \$275	
Chemist/Toxicologist (M.D.)	\$275 – \$400	
Computer/Cellphone/Cellular Tower Forensic Analyst	\$150 – \$250	
Crime Scene/Police Practices/Use-of-Force Expert	\$150 – \$250	
DNA Expert (B.S. or Ph.D.)	\$150 – \$250	
Fingerprint Analyst	\$150 – \$250	
Gang Expert	\$150 – \$200	
Handwriting Analyst	\$100 – \$250	
Interpreter/Translator for in-person meetings	\$30 – \$80	Range accommodates both certified and non-certified providers. Half-day rate is \$226 for certified and \$111 for non-certified.
Jury Consultant	\$150 – \$225	
Law Student	\$20 – \$35	
Legal Analyst/Consultant (Non-Attorney)	\$75 – \$100	e.g., Sentencing Guidelines consultant.
Medical – Other (M.D. or D.O.)	\$275 – \$400	
Mitigation Specialist – Non-capital Cases	\$75 – \$100	Special skills rate (\$95-\$120) is for case-needed foreign language fluency or specialized mental health expertise.

Neurologist or Neuropsychiatrist (M.D.)	\$275 – \$400	
Neuropsychologist (Ph.D.)	\$225 – \$375	
Nurse (L.P.N. or R.N.)	\$100 – \$125	
Nurse (M.S.N. or D.N.P.)	\$150 – \$300	Including S.A.N.E. certified.
Pathologist/Medical Examiner	\$275 – \$400	
Ph.D – Other	\$150 – \$300	
Polygraph	\$100 – \$250	Polygraph testing typically billed at a flat rate between \$350 and \$1,000.
Psychiatrist (M.D.)	\$275 – \$400	
Psychologist (Ph.D.)	\$150 – \$300	