

CJA SERVICE PROVIDERS MAXIMUM RATES

The ranges of hourly rates paid to CJA service providers in the Central District of California are listed below.

Paralegal ¹	\$45 – \$55
Investigator ²	\$70 – \$85 (\$55 for record collection)
Legal Analyst/Consultant	\$75 – \$100
Mitigation Specialist	\$75 – \$100 (\$55 for record collection)
Attorney Expert – Capital Case	\$188
Attorney Expert – Non-Capital Case	\$140
Litigation Support Expert	\$65 – \$129
Psychiatrist (M.D.)	\$250 – \$375
Neurologist (M.D.)	\$250 – \$375
Other Medically-licensed Expert (M.D. or D.O.)	\$250 – \$375
Neuropsychologist (with Ph.D.)	\$200 – \$350
Psychologist (with Ph.D.)	\$150 – \$300
Accountant	\$150 – \$275
Audio, Video, or Photo Analyst	\$100 – \$200
Ballistics/Firearms Expert	\$150 – \$250
Chemist	\$100 – \$250
DNA	\$150 – \$250
Fingerprint Analyst	\$100 – \$125
Forensic Computer/Cellphone Analyst	\$150 – \$250
Gang Expert	\$100 – \$200
Handwriting Analyst	\$100 – \$125
Jury Consultant	\$150 – \$225
Interpreter/Translator	\$25.48 – \$78.58
Document Translation ³	\$0.165 cents per word

¹ Paralegal Hourly Rate Policy: Standard (non-specialized) paralegal work will be compensated at the rate of \$45/hr. However, if the paralegal is a member in good standing of the California bar, standard paralegal work will be compensated at the rate of \$50/hr. In the event a paralegal has specialized skills, compensation for work involving those specialized skills will be compensated at the rate of \$55/hr per task. “Specialized skills” include subjective coding experience in at least two prior complex litigation cases, discovery database management expertise, or proficiency in a foreign language relevant to the case.

² Investigator Hourly Rate Policy: Investigators will be compensated at the rate of \$70/hr for general investigation and in cases alleging common types of crimes. However, if the investigator has a high level of investigative expertise relevant to the type of crime alleged or otherwise has special skills the case requires, the investigator will be compensated at the rate of \$85/hr when using those skills. In addition, if the investigator possesses foreign language skills used in the case, the investigator will be compensated at the rate of \$85/hr when actually using those skills.

³ Document Translation Hourly Rate Policy: based on those prescribed by the United States Department of State, Office of Language Services, Translation Division.