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IN THE MATTER OF OBTAINING CJA SERVICES WITHOUT PRIOR AUTHORIZATION	ORDER OF THE CHIEF JUDGE 15- 021

18 U.S.C. Section 3006A(e)(2)(A) provides: "Counsel appointed under this section may obtain, subject to later review, investigative, expert, and other services without prior authorization if necessary for adequate representation. Except as provided in subparagraph (B) of this paragraph, the total cost of services obtained without prior authorization may not exceed $800 and expenses reasonably incurred." Subparagraph (B) provides: "The court . . . may, in the interest of justice, and upon the finding that timely procurement of necessary services could not await prior authorization, approve payment for such services after they have been obtained, even if the cost of such services exceeds $800."

On October 19, 2012, the Court authorized CJA defense counsel to utilize the services of investigators, experts, and other service providers in an amount not to exceed $800 for each category, rather than in the aggregate, of service providers without further order of the Court. In addition, for all cases in which the defendant required the use of an interpreter, the Court authorized CJA defense counsel to

utilize the services of an interpreter in an amount not to exceed $2,400 without prior judicial approval. This policy was memorialized in Order of the Chief Judge No. 12-049.

However, on September 1, 2015, the Court transitioned to the national online system for processing and payment of all CJA vouchers ("eVoucher"). The eVoucher system is not compatible with an $800 pre-authorization per service provider category rule, and requires that the Court adopt the national policy of limiting pre-authorization of service providers to $800 per case. Accordingly, after consultation with the Court's two CJA panel attorney national representatives, the CJA Committee voted unanimously to rescind the policy set forth in Order of the Chief Judge No. 12-049, and revert to the $800 per case rule. IT IS THEREFORE HEREBY ORDERED that Order of the Chief Judge No. 12-049 is SUPERSEDED.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Date: September 2, 2015

CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE