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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
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CHEYENNE
FOR THE DISTRICT OF WYOMING

Administrative General Order 2012-01

**GENERAL ORDER DIRECTED TO
APPOINTED CJA PANEL
ATTORNEYS REPRESENTING
CRIMINAL DEFENDANTS IN THE
DISTRICT OF WYOMING**

ORDER

For all appointed CJA panel attorneys representing criminal defendants pursuant to the Criminal Justice Act of 1964 before all judges in the District of Wyoming, the following rules shall apply:

1. Attorney Fees: For all non-capital felony cases that **do not** require case budgeting, immediately upon anticipating that attorneys fees will exceed the current attorney case compensation maximum, currently \$9,700.00, appointed CJA counsel shall file an ex parte notice with documentation and explanation that this amount is expected to be exceeded.

2. Costs and Services: For all cases that **do not** require case budgeting, immediately upon anticipating that costs, such as copy, fax, phone, research and postage, will exceed \$300.00, counsel shall file an ex parte notice with documentation and explanation that this amount is expected to be exceeded. Similarly, immediately upon anticipating that services, such as investigative or


interpretive services, will exceed \$800.00, counsel shall seek the required court approval, providing documentation and explanation for why this amount is expected to be exceeded.

3. Capital and Non-Capital Mega-Cases: For all capital cases and all cases where counsel anticipates total expenditures will exceed \$30,000.00 for appointed counsel and for services other than counsel on behalf of an individual CJA defendant, the Court will require case budgeting. Counsel shall submit a proposed initial litigation budget for court approval, subject to modification in light of developments that emerge as the case proceeds. All case budgets shall be submitted ex parte and sealed. Recognizing that investigative, expert or other services may be required before counsel has an opportunity to submit a case budget, or the court to approve it, the court will act upon requests for services where prompt authorization is necessary for adequate representation. It is expected that counsel will use cost saving measures, such as paralegal time and investigator time where appropriate. Counsel should contact John Lang, 307-433-2130 or go to www.uscourts.gov/FormsAndFees/Forms/CourtFormsByCategory.aspx, under CJA Forms and Instructions, for assistance in developing and submitting a proposed initial litigation budget for the Court's approval.

4. Neither the ex parte notice nor case budgeting shall affect the obligation of attorneys to comply with CJA voucher requirements, nor does it guarantee payment of CJA vouchers. Failure

to follow this Order may result in a notice from the Court of non-payment of CJA vouchers for attorneys fees, costs and/or services pursuant to the District of Wyoming's Criminal Justice Act Plan.

Dated this 7 day of May, 2012.



Nancy D. Freudenthal
Chief United States District Judge