SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 24-10

Hourly Compensation Rate for Attorneys Appointed Under the District of Columbia Criminal Justice Act, Counsel for Child Abuse and Neglect, and Guardianship Fund (CJA – CF1 Case Type Replacement Counsel Appointment Addendum)

Supersedes Administrative Order 23-06

WHEREAS, attorneys are entitled to be compensated for the furnishing of defender services in accordance with the District of Columbia Criminal Justice Act (CJA) pursuant to D.C. Code §11-2601 et seq., Counsel for Child Abuse and Neglect (CCAN) pursuant to D.C. Code §26-2326.01 and §16-316, and Guardianship Fund pursuant to D.C. Code §21-2060(b); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, the Joint Committee on Judicial Administration raised the hourly rate of compensation by \$20.00 for attorneys entitled to be compensated from the CJA, CCAN, and, Guardianship Fund, to \$110.00 per hour; and

WHEREAS, attorneys entitled to compensation from the CJA, CCAN, and Guardianship Fund shall be paid at the \$110.00 per hour rate for all new cases initiated on or after January 1, 2023; and

WHEREAS, attorneys entitled to compensation from the CJA and CCAN shall be paid at the \$110.00 per hour rate for the following proceedings initiated on or after January 1, 2023, for

- 1) post-trial matters in criminal cases. D.C. Code § 11-2604(b)(3), and
- 2) new case years in proceedings subsequent to disposition in CCAN cases based on the case year anniversary date. D.C. Code § 16-2326.01(b)(2), and
- 3) proceedings to terminate parental rights. D.C. Code § 16-2326.01(b)(3), and
- 4) appeal of trial court orders in CCAN cases. D.C. Code § 16-2326.01(b)(4); and

WHEREAS, attorneys entitled to compensation from the Guardianship Fund shall be paid at the \$110.00 per hour rate for

- services provided as counsel, guardian ad litem or visitor (attorney) in post disposition actions, such as petitions post appointment initiated on or after January 1, 2023;
- 2) services provided as guardian, conservator, or special conservator rendered on or after January 1, 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is

ORDERED, that the aforementioned compensation rates are effective January 1, 2023 *nunc pro tunc*; and it is further

ORDERED, attorneys entitled to compensation from the CJA shall be paid at the \$110.00 per hour rate for all replacement counsel appointments for Criminal Felony 1 (CF1) case types initiated between January 1, 2020, through December 31, 2022; and it is further

ORDERED, that this Administrative Order is effective September 1, 2024, and shall remain in effect until further order of the Court.

SO ORDERED.

Anita M. Josey-Herring Chief Judge

Date: August 28, 2024

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