

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF IDAHO

IN RE:

DELEGATING REVIEW AND
APPROVAL FOR CERTAIN
CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACT
COMPENSATION CLAIMS AND
AUTHORIZATION REQUESTS

GENERAL ORDER NO.478

The Criminal Justice Act of 1964, as amended (18 U.S.C. § 3006A) (the “CJA”), requires a United States District Court to create a plan for providing legal representation to financially eligible persons. The United States District Court for the District of Idaho (“the Court”) has established a *Criminal Justice Act Plan* (the “*Plan*”) consistent with the CJA; Ninth Circuit policies and procedures; and the Judicial Conference policies, procedures, and regulations (together, the “CJA Guidelines”). *See* General Order No. 410 (2022). The *Plan* seeks, among other things, to incorporate policies and recommendations from the *2017 Report of the Ad Hoc Committee to Review the Criminal Justice Act of the Judicial Conference* (the “*Cardone Report*”). The Court also entered into a *Memorandum of Understanding* (the “*MOU*”), with the Federal Defender Services of Idaho (“FDSI”) in 2024.

Consistent with the *Plan*, the *MOU*, and *Cardone Report*, the Court delegates to the CJA Resource Counsel employed with the Federal Defender Services of Idaho the authority to review, approve, adjust, or deny per the CJA and the *Plan*:

- CJA compensation claims requesting payment (“vouchers”) for attorneys;
- Funding requests (“AUTHs”) for interpreters, investigators, paralegals, and other service providers;
- CJA compensation claims requesting payment (“vouchers”) for the services

by interpreters, investigators, paralegals, and other service providers

- Transcript and routine travel requests and all associated vouchers; and
- Criminal case budgets.
- All vouchers in excess of the statutory maximums, AUTHs in excess of the statutory maximum, and criminal case budgets will require approval from the Circuit.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: February 17, 2026



Amanda K. Brailsford
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE