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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

In the matter of)
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USE OF ASSOCIATES AND)
CONTRACT ATTORNEYS)
ON CJA CASES)
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General Order No. 602

Whereas the Judicial Council of the Ninth Circuit has promulgated a Criminal Justice Act and Budgeting Policy in which "[a]ppointed counsel are encouraged to use lower-billing associates, contract lawyers, paralegals or other means to minimize costs where lead attorney expertise may not be required," IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED AS FOLLOWS:

In non-capital cases, the Court approves use of associate attorneys for tasks in which lead attorney expertise is not required, in all cases in which the total fees for CJA counsel do not exceed the statutory maximum.

In non-capital cases, the Court also approves use of contract attorneys for tasks in which lead attorney expertise is not required, up to a maximum of 8 hours in any one case, without further approval of the Court.

For purposes of this Order, "associate attorney" is defined as an attorney who is a partner or employee of the CJA attorney's law firm. "Contract attorney" is be defined as an attorney who is not a partner or employee of the CJA attorney's law firm.

The rates of compensation for associate and contract attorneys shall be as follows, subject to proportionate adjustment based on any future changes to the hourly rate for CJA attorneys:

- Attorneys with less than 3 years of experience shall be permitted to bill at the rate of $75 per hour.
- Attorneys with 3 to 6 years of experience shall be permitted to bill at the rate of $100 per hour.
- Attorneys with more than 6 years of experience shall be permitted to bill at the rate of $115 per hour.

An attorney who is also a member of the CJA panel, however, shall be permitted to bill at the normal CJA rate.

Nothing in this Order shall limit an individual District Judge's discretion to regulate attorney appearances and rates of compensation in his or her own cases.

DATED: 07 NOV 2011

IRMA E. GONZALEZ, Chief Judge
United States District Court

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