

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA

IN RE: UPDATED GUIDANCE TO COURT OPERATIONS
UNDER THE EXIGENT CIRCUMSTANCES CREATED BY
COVID-19

GENERAL ORDER
No. 8

WHEREAS the Court has issued a series of General Orders re: Court Operations Under the Exigent Circumstances Created by COVID-19, which are available on the Court's website at www.mnd.uscourts.gov.

WHEREAS, the President of the United States of America has declared a national emergency in response to COVID-19;

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Minnesota has declared a peacetime emergency to coordinate Minnesota's strategy to protect Minnesotans from COVID-19;

WHEREAS, many criminal defendants in this district are represented by Criminal Justice Act ("CJA") Panel Attorneys. CJA Panel Attorneys are ordinarily permitted to submit claims for compensation only after the final disposition of a case, unless good cause is shown. The disruption to Court operations above has the potential to create financial hardship for these attorneys.

NOW THEREFORE, to avoid unnecessary financial hardship for CJA Panel Attorneys, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED**, that:

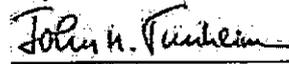
1. CJA Panel Attorneys may submit interim vouchers for compensation without seeking prior Court approval so long as:
 - a. The interim voucher exceeds \$1,000; and
 - b. The interim voucher is submitted no more than once per month, per case.
2. The series of General Orders entered by this Court since March 13, 2020, remain in effect, except for the changes addressed in this Order.

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3. This order will remain in effect until further order of the Court.

Dated in Minneapolis, Minnesota, April 10, 2020 at 3:30 PM.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "John R. Tunheim", written over a horizontal line.

JOHN R. TUNHEIM
Chief Judge
United States District Court