

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. 23

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 declared a peacetime emergency to coordinate Minnesota's strategy to protect Minnesotans from COVID-19 and Governor has continued to extend the COVID-19 peacetime emergency through the date of this order;

WHEREAS, many criminal defendants in this district are represented by Criminal Justice Act ("CJA") Panel Attorneys and provided with expert services under that Act. These expert service providers 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 expert service providers.

NOW THEREFORE, to avoid unnecessary financial hardship for these expert service providers, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED**, that:

1. CJA expert service providers may submit interim vouchers for compensation without seeking prior 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. This order does not affect General Order Nos. 7-8, 10-13, 15, 19, and 22, which remain in effect.

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

Dated in Minneapolis, Minnesota, November 25, 2020 at 3:00 p.m.

John R. Tunheim

JOHN R. TUNHEIM
Chief Judge
United States District Court

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JUDGMENT ENTD _____
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