

SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 02-23

WHEREAS, revisions to Section I and II of the Plan for Furnishing Representation to Indigents Under the District of Columbia Criminal Justice Act (“CJA Plan”) were approved by the Joint Committee on Judicial Administration on June 26, 2002, and will become effective on October 1, 2002; and

WHEREAS, under revisions to Sections I and II of the CJA Plan, the deadline for submitting Criminal Justice Act (CJA) vouchers was changed from sixty (60) days to one hundred twenty (120) days after termination of representation. CJA Plan, Sec. II(D)(7) (June 26, 2002); and

WHEREAS, the revised CJA Plan now specifies that claims submitted more than one hundred twenty (120) days after the termination of representation will not be approved except “where it can be documented that it was impossible to file a claim because of actual physical or mental incapacity or death of the attorney furnishing the representation. Press of business will not be grounds for exception.” Id.; and

WHEREAS, claims for exception to the time limitation need to be processed consistently and expeditiously by the Court’s Defender Services Branch, and

WHEREAS, as the Court moves toward electronic processing of vouchers, problems in the issuance and processing of vouchers will need to be promptly documented and corrected;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby

ORDERED, commencing October 1, 2002, all vouchers, which do not meet the 120-day deadline for submitting claims, shall be forwarded by the Chief, Defender Services Branch, to the Chief Judge for approval before further processing of the voucher.

SO ORDERED.

BY THE COURT
July 29, 2002

/S/
Chief Judge Rufus King, III

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