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Dear CJA Panel Attorneys & Experts:

I write to provide an update on the anticipated deferral of payments to appointed counsel and service providers under the Criminal Justice Act.

As noted in my letter dated May 12, 2025, to address the fiscal year (FY) 2025 funding shortfall resulting from the Full-Year Continuing Appropriations and Extensions Act, 2025 (Pub. L. No. 119-4), the Administrative Office approved a FY 2025 financial plan that anticipated the need to defer payments to CJA panel attorneys and service providers for an estimated 49 business days. Initially, panel attorney payments were projected to be deferred beginning on or about July 23, 2025. But because of an increase in the daily panel attorney payment rate leading up to the financial system upgrade shutdown, it is possible that panel attorney funds could be depleted as early as the week of July 7. It is difficult to predict the precise day when this unfortunate event will occur. We will continue to closely monitor and analyze the daily panel attorney payment rate but making it to July 23 is unlikely.

Securing necessary funds to provide fair and timely compensation to appointed counsel and CJA service providers is of the highest priority for the judiciary, as the work of these individuals is critical to the administration of justice and protecting the rights of the accused in our federal courts. The judiciary will continue to seek every opportunity to obtain additional funding to meet this need. We will continue to process and approve CJA vouchers during the payment deferrals so that queued payments may be disbursed as soon as funding becomes available. Any vouchers that have not been paid when the FY 2025 funds are depleted will be paid when funding becomes available in fiscal year 2026.

I regret to share this news, and we will provide additional information as it becomes available.

Sincerely,

Randall Lohan

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