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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURTS
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MONTANA

**IN RE: CJA PANEL ATTORNEYS'
INTERIM COMPENSATION**

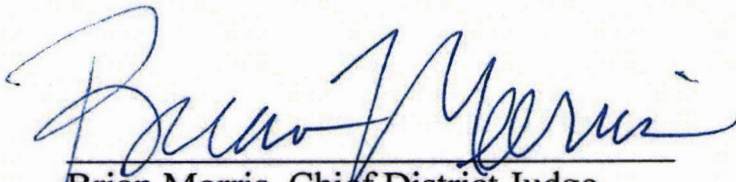
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 20-15

The Court issued Administrative Order 20-14, which limits Court operations in response to the recent outbreak of the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). As part of the response, many criminal proceedings have been continued until after May 1, 2020, unless the Court determines that a hearing is necessary. CJA Panel Attorneys represent many criminal defendants in the District of Montana. The District's CJA Plan allows CJA Panel Attorneys to submit claims for compensation only after final disposition of the case, unless good cause is shown. The disruption to Court operations caused by the novel coronavirus also will cause a disruption to timely payments to, and place a financial burden on, CJA Panel Attorneys. In response, the Court will authorize CJA Panel Attorneys to submit interim vouchers for compensation, without prior Court approval, so long as the interim voucher exceeds \$500 and is not submitted within two months of the prior interim voucher in the same matter. Accordingly,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that CJA Panel Attorneys may submit interim vouchers for compensation, without prior Court approval, so long as the voucher

exceeds \$500 and is not submitted within two months of a prior interim voucher in the same criminal matter.

DATED this 24th day of March, 2020.



Brian Morris, Chief District Judge
United States District Court