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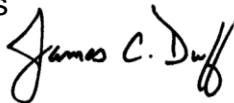
## GUIDE TO JUDICIARY POLICY

TRANSMITTAL 07-009 VOLUME/PART 7A CHAPTER(S) 2

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**FROM:**

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**RE:**

DEFENDER SERVICES

This transmittal provides notice of changes to the *Guide to Judiciary Policy*, Vol. 7 (Defender Services), Part A (Guidelines for Administering the CJA and Related Statutes):

### [Chapter 2 – Appointment and Payment of Counsel](#)

The chapter was updated to reflect a policy change approved by the Judicial Conference in September 2015. As shown in the Redline Comparison below, the case budgeting threshold in § 230.26.10 was changed to “300 times the prevailing CJA panel attorney non-capital hourly rate.”

Questions regarding this transmittal may be directed to the AO Defender Services Office’s Legal and Policy Division Duty Day Attorney at 202-502-3300.

## REDLINE COMPARISON REFLECTING CHANGES

### § 230 Compensation and Expenses of Appointed Counsel

#### § 230.26 Case Budgeting

##### § 230.26.10 Overview

Courts are encouraged to use case-budgeting techniques in representations that appear likely to become or have become extraordinary in terms of potential cost (ordinarily, a representation in which attorney hours are expected to exceed 300 hours or total expenditures are expected to exceed ~~\$30,000~~300 times the prevailing CJA panel attorney non-capital hourly rate, rounded up to the nearest thousand, for appointed counsel and services other than counsel for an individual CJA defendant).