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FROM:

Judge Robert J. Conrad, Jr.
Director



RE:

DEFENDER SERVICES

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

[Chapter 3 – Authorization and Payment for Investigative, Expert, or Other Services](#)

This minor update clarifies that compensation of a guardian ad litem appointed for a child victim or witness under 18 U.S.C. § 3509(h) must be made using the appropriate general authorization account, not the Criminal Justice Act (CJA) via eVoucher or the court's attorney admission fund. The significant changes are detailed in the Redline Comparison below.

Questions regarding this transmittal may be directed to the AO Defender Services Offices, at 202-502-3030.

REDLINE COMPARISON REFLECTING CHANGES

§ 320 Authorization of Investigative, Expert, and Other Services

[. . .]

§ 320.50 Guardian Ad Litem

§ 320.50.10 Proceedings Involving Juveniles

[. . .]

- (b) A guardian ad litem appointed for a child victim or witness under [18 U.S.C. § 3509\(h\)](#) must be compensated ~~through decentralized court funds~~ using ~~BOG-2559~~the appropriate general authorization account, not the CJA or the court's attorney admission fund. **See:** Guide, Vol. 13, § 240.40(b)(1).