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NOTICE REGARDING RATES

SUBJECT: New Rates Effective January 1, 2006

MILEAGE RATES

New reimbursement mileage rates for the use of privately owned vehicles while on official government travel will go into effect on January 1, 2006, for travel performed on or after that date. These rates apply to all judges, employees, jurors, CJA panel attorneys and contractors and are as follows:

Automobiles \$0.445 per mile

Questions concerning travel matters may be directed to the Travel and Payment Management Branch of the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts at (202) 502-1290 or by fax at (202) 502-1966.

INTERPRETER RATES

There are new rates for contract court interpreters effective January 1, 2006, subject to availability of funds. This action does not automatically increase any exceptions to the rates previously approved. The new rate schedule will be as follows; all values are maximum amounts:

Certified and Professionally Qualified Interpreters:	Language Skilled (Non-Certified) Interpreters:
Full-Day: \$355	Full-Day: \$171
Half-Day: \$192	Half-Day: \$ 92
Overtime: \$ 50 per hour or part thereof	Overtime: \$ 28 per hour or part thereof

RATES FOR ATTORNEYS APPOINTED PURSUANT TO CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACT

The Fiscal Year 2006 Defender Services appropriation (Public Law 109-115) includes funds to raise the non-capital hourly panel attorney compensation rate from \$90 to \$92, and the maximum hourly capital rate from \$160 to \$163 (for federal capital prosecutions and capital post-conviction proceedings), for attorneys appointed to represent eligible persons under the Criminal Justice Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3006A, and the Antiterrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act of 1996, codified in part in 21 U.S.C. § 848(q).

The new hourly compensation rates will apply to work performed on or after January 1, 2006. Where the appointment of counsel occurred before this effective date, the new compensation rates apply to that portion of services provided on or after January 1, 2006.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact the Office of Defender Services, Legal and Policy Branch Duty Attorney, on (202) 502-3030.

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