UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

GENERAL ORDER 20-10
MARCH 27, 2020

IN RE: CORONAVIRUS PUBLIC EMERGENCY

ORDER CONCERNING INTERIM VOUCHERS IN CJA CASES

SAYLOR, C.J.

On March 26, 2020, the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit issued an

order entitled In Re: Criminal Justice Act Interim Compensation. The order provides, among

other things, that "[i]n light of the scale of the unprecedented Covid-19 pandemic, and to

mitigate the economic impact upon District Court Criminal Justice Act panel members and

service providers," the Court "allows until further notice the filing of interim vouchers for

compensation in a manner and schedule to be determined by the individual District Courts of the

First Circuit."

Pursuant to that Order, the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts

hereby orders the following:

1. Pending further order of the Court, and notwithstanding any previous order entered in any

   specific case, any Criminal Justice Act panel member or service provider who has been

   appointed to represent a defendant or witness in the District of Massachusetts, or to

   provide services in connection with such an appointment, may submit interim vouchers

   for services provided and expenses incurred, as follows:

   (A)   An interim voucher may be submitted for services provided and expenses

         incurred up to and including February 29, 2020.

(B) Vouchers may be submitted for services provided and expenses incurred after February 29, 2020, on an interim basis; provided, however, that such vouchers shall not be submitted for periods of time shorter than two months.

(C) No interim voucher may be submitted in an amount less than $250.00; provided, however, that vouchers for court reporters or interpreters may be submitted regardless of the dollar amount.

2. This Order shall remain in place as an emergency measure until further order of the Court.

So Ordered.

/s/ F. Dennis Saylor IV
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Dated: March 27, 2020   Chief Judge, United States District Court