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On July 1, 2019, the First Circuit Judicial Council approved an amended version of the District of Massachusetts' Plan for Implementing the Criminal Justice Act of 1964, as Amended 18 USC §3006A. The CJA Plan ("Plan") is effective August 1, 2019. The Plan provides the basic framework under which criminal defense services (including counsel, investigative, expert, and other services necessary for adequate representation) may be provided to persons otherwise financially unable to obtain adequate representation. The revised Plan and the redline version detailing the substantive changes are available on the court's website through the links below. The Guidelines for Claims Submitted for Reimbursement Under the Criminal Justice Act ("Guidelines"), have also been revised and a redline version is available on the website.

Both the Plan and Guidelines provide important information about the use of partners, associates, paralegals, or law students. The Guidelines are a source document for panel attorneys that include general policies, a list of compensable and non-compensable tasks, information about contracting expert services, and necessary information for proper billing.

The court maintains a [CJA Information](#) webpage containing information related to the implementation of the Criminal Justice Act, the Plan, Guidelines, forms and other resources.

The updated documents are linked below:

[Amended Plan for Implementing the Criminal Justice Act](#)

[Amended Plan for Implementing the Criminal Justice Act – Redline](#)

[Guidelines for Claims Submitted for Reimbursement under the CJA](#)

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