

**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 04-29**

(Increases yearly cap for CJA and CCAN vouchers to \$135,200)

WHEREAS, Administrative Order 01-20 ordered that the annual limit on attorney compensation for Criminal Justice Act and Child Abuse and Neglect representation remain at \$96,000, as set by the Joint Committee on Judicial Administration on November 1, 1996; and

WHEREAS, on August 27, 2002, the Joint Committee on Judicial Administration raised the annual compensation limitation from \$96,000, established in November 1996, to \$130,000 pursuant to the D.C. Appropriations Act of 2002 that raised the hourly rate of compensation for indigent representation as of March 1, 2002 from \$50 to \$65 an hour for 2,000 hours of work annually; and

WHEREAS, on July 19, 2004, the Joint Committee on Judicial Administration voted to raise the cap on defender service earnings from \$130,000 to \$135,200, based on \$65/hour for 2,080 hours worked annually, effective for all cases filed on or after October 1, 2004.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY,

ORDERED, that the annual limit on attorney compensation for Criminal Justice Act and Child Abuse and Neglect representation be increased to \$135,200, as set by the Joint Committee on Judicial Administration, effective *nunc pro tunc* to October 1, 2004; and it is further

ORDERED, that expenses will not count towards the cap beginning with cases filed on or after January 1, 2005 or as soon thereafter as is feasible for the Budget and Finance Office to effect the change.

SO ORDERED.

BY THE COURT

December 23, 2004

/s/
Rufus G. King, III
Chief Judge

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