IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN RE:

INTERIM CJA VOUCHERS

STANDING ORDER NO. 2024-02

STANDING ORDER

On April 13, 2020, this Court entered a Standing Order 2020-11, which allowed for the submission of interim CJA vouchers for payment of fees and expenses for both attorneys and their service providers in any case, without the necessity of filing a Motion for an Order Allowing Interim Payments, and in response to the COVID-19 outbreak in this District.

Upon consideration of the termination by legislation of the relevant Declaration of National Emergency of the President of the United States as to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Standing Order 2020-11 entered on April 13, 2020 is hereby VACATED.

The following procedures will apply to all CJA vouchers for interim payments submitted on or after the date of this Order.

1. Any attorney requesting interim payments for expenses incurred in connection with a criminal case filed on or after the date of this Order must do so in accordance with the *Guide to Judiciary Policy (the "Guide")*, Vol. 7A, §230.73, including all related procedures, guidelines, and protocols, the Standing Order of the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit dated August 9, 2016 (the "Third Circuit

- Order") and the *Policies and Procedures for Claims Submitted Pursuant* to the Criminal Justice Act (the "CJA Guidelines").
- 2. No later than March 15, 2024, any attorney appointed to appear in criminal case filed before the date of this Order and in which such counsel was permitted to and has previously filed one or more interim CJA payment vouchers in accordance with the protocols established in Standing Order 2020-11, may submit a request for *one* additional interim payment for expenses incurred on or before February 29, 2024 in accordance with that Standing Order.
- 3. Any request for an interim payment not authorized and covered by Paragraph 2 of this Order must be made in accordance with the *Guide*, the Third Circuit Order, the *CJA Plan*, the *CJA Guidelines*, and any Order entered by the presiding judge in a specific individual case.
- 4. The Court will review and approve all interim vouchers as prescribed by the *Guide*, the Third Circuit Order, the *CJA Plan*, the *CJA Guidelines*.

The Court DIRECTS the Clerk of Court to send a copy of this Standing Order to each current member of the CJA Panel, as well as to the Federal Defender.

BY THE COURT:

Dated: February 21, 2024

Matthew W. Branz

Chief United States District Judge