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The United States District Court for the District of North Dakota updated its Plan for the Adequate Representation of Defendants Under the Criminal Justice Act of 1964, as Amended (CJA Plan), effective April 1, 2026.

The updated plan incorporates recent changes to the *Guide to Judiciary Policy*, modifies the Plan to conform to local practice, and standardizes capitalization, terminology, format, and punctuation.

The CJA Plan can be found on the Court's Website: ndd.uscourts.gov/cja/CJA_Plan.

Substantive changes include:

- Adding a section governing Pretrial Services Interviews
- Removing references to the Special Appointment Panel and the Limited CJA Appointments because they no longer conformed to local practice.
- Rewriting the Removal from Panel section to provide more detail to the process.

The Court extends its gratitude to Federal Public Defender, Jason Tupman, and former CJA Panel Representative, the Honorable Mark Friese, for their assistance and advocacy in the development of the updated CJA Plan.