

## **GUIDANCE ON INTERIM VOUCHERS IN THE EIGHTH CIRCUIT**

In September 2024, the Judicial Conference of the United States approved amended policies to address interim payments for counsel and service providers in representations under the Criminal Justice Act. The Guide to Judiciary Policy has been amended accordingly. Appendices to the Guide that included suggested procedures for interim payments have been deleted.

District courts within the Eighth Circuit may provide interim payments to counsel and service providers at their discretion in accordance with the Guide to Judiciary Policy. The chief circuit judge will not sign memoranda or orders regarding procedures for interim payments.

Any interim payment (including those in budgeted cases) that would cause total payment to exceed the statutory maximum amount for counsel in a non-capital case or a service provider in any case must be submitted to the chief circuit judge for approval before payment. *See* 18 U.S.C. § 3006A(d)(3), (e)(3). Interim vouchers should be submitted to the chief circuit judge no more frequently than intervals of 90 days to avoid unduly burdening the approval process.