



**STATE OF NEVADA
DEPARTMENT OF INDIGENT DEFENSE SERVICES**

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Memorandum

DATE: December 31, 2024

TO: Indigent Defense Services Providers
Board on Indigent Defense Services
Department of Indigent Defense Services Designees
Washoe County Appointed Counsel Administrator
Director of Clark County Office of Appointed Counsel
Nevada Administrative Office of the Courts
Nevada Association of Counties
Rural County Administrators
Governor's Finance Office
Administrative Services Division

FROM: Peter Handy, Executive Director, Department of Indigent Defense Services

SUBJECT: Implementation of Increases to Hourly Appointment Rates for Attorneys Who Provide Indigent Defense Services

This memorandum provides information about adjustments to the hourly rates under Approved Regulation R033-23, Section 1 (NAC 180.____(1)). Pursuant to this regulation, the hourly appointment rate equals the prevailing federal CJA panel rate.

As of January 1, 2025, an attorney who provides appointed indigent defense services is entitled to receive an hourly compensation rate of:

- **\$175 an hour for non-capital cases, and**
- **\$223 an hour for capital cases.**

An "attorney who provides indigent defense services" means:

1. In a county whose population is less than 100,000, an attorney, other than a public defender, who is selected pursuant to NRS 7.115 to provide indigent defense services; or
2. In all counties, an attorney who is appointed pursuant to NRS 34.750 to represent a petitioner who files a post-conviction petition for habeas corpus.

In other words, the rate applies to all trial and direct appeal representation in any rural Nevada county and to post-conviction habeas cases in all 17 Nevada counties. Please note, the new rate does not apply to those who have contracted with a county for a flat rate or a different hourly rate. Please refer to any such contract for your rate, as applicable.

The new rates apply to all services performed on or after January 1, 2025. Where appointment of counsel occurred before January 1, 2025, the new hourly compensation rates apply to that portion of services provided on or after January 1, 2025.

Compensation for work completed during the periods below should be billed as follows:

- January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024 | \$172 per hour for non-capital work and \$220 for capital work.
- December 15, 2023 – December 31, 2023 | \$163 per hour for non-capital work and \$210 for capital work.
- Dates prior to December 15, 2023 | \$100 per hour (or as provided by each county) for non-capital work and \$125 an hour for capital work.

Questions concerning the hourly rate may be directed to the Department of Indigent Defense Services at (775) 687-8490 or via email at didscontact@dids.nv.gov.

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