

# CJA eVoucher

# **Attorney User Manual**

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#### Introduction

The CJA eVoucher System is a web-based solution for submission, monitoring, and management of all Criminal Justice Act (CJA) functions. The eVoucher program will allow for:

- On-line authorization requests by attorneys for service providers.
- On-line voucher completion by the attorney acting for the service provider.
- On-line voucher review and submission by the attorney.
- On-line submission to the court.

In the Western District of Tennessee attorneys are required to create and submit vouchers for their service providers.

The program includes the following modules:

#### **Panel Management**

- Allows attorneys to manage their own account information including address, phone, firm associations, and applicable CLE credits.
- Allows for submission of holding periods or a specific amount of time taken off for medical leave, vacation, etc. (this function is not used in this District).

#### **Voucher & Authorization Request Submission**

- Authorization requests by attorneys for expert services.
- Requests by attorneys for interim payment via supporting memorandum (PDF) attached directly to voucher.
- Upload supporting documents to vouchers or authorization requests.
- Reports for attorneys to take an active part in monitoring costs.
- Automatic e-mail notification to attorney of approval or rejection of vouchers and authorization requests.

## **Browser Compatibility**

- Windows: Chrome 62, Edge 16, Firefox 57, Internet Explorer 10.1 with Compatibility Mode, Internet Explorer 11
- Apple Macintosh: Safari 10.1

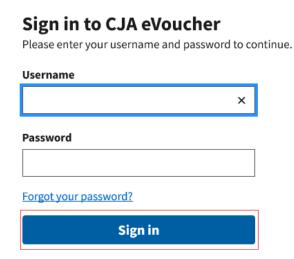
#### **Court Appointment**

When an appointment is made an email is generated by the program and sent to the appointed attorney. The email will confirm the appointment and provide a link to the CJA eVoucher program.

### Accessing the CJA eVoucher Program

Access eVoucher on the Court's Website through the CJA Portal or directly at this link: <a href="https://evadweb.ev.uscourts.gov/CJA\_tnw\_prod/CJAeVoucher/">https://evadweb.ev.uscourts.gov/CJA\_tnw\_prod/CJAeVoucher/</a>
It is suggested that you bookmark it for easier access.

Log in using the Username and Password you were provided, and click Log In.



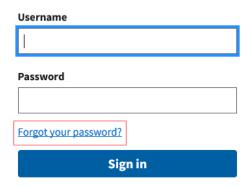
You are required to change your password within **30 days** of the first time you log on to eVoucher.

#### Passwords must:

- Be at least 8 characters in length.
- Contain one lowercase character.
- Contain one uppercase character.
- Contain one special character.
- Be alphanumeric.
- Not be a password used in the past 365 days.

Users are required to change their password every 180 days. Users will be prompted to reset their password five (5) days before it is set to expire.

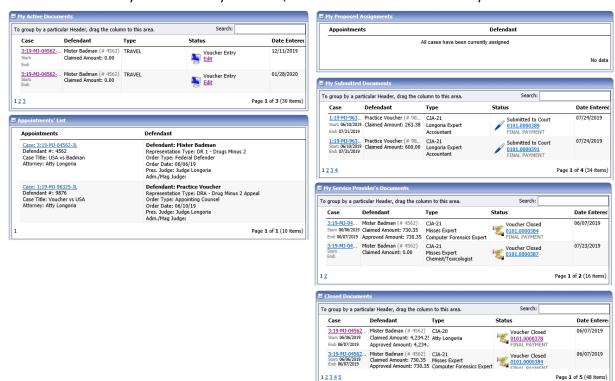
If you forget your username or password, click the **Forgot your Password?** hyperlink. Enter your Username and Email address and click **Recover Logon**. You will receive an email offering help. The link provided in the password reset email is valid for 15 minutes and can only be accessed one time.



After several unsuccessful attempts to log in, the program will lock you out and you will need assistance from court staff. Contact the CJA Help Desk at <a href="mailto:cjahelpdesk@tnwd.uscourts.gov">cjahelpdesk@tnwd.uscourts.gov</a> for assistance. You may also contact the Systems Administrator at 901-495-1559 or Attorney Maintenance at 901-495-1226 if you need immediate assistance.

## **Home Page**

Your home page provides access to all of your appointments and vouchers. System security prohibits you from viewing information for any other attorney. Likewise, no-one else will have access to your information.



Folder Name	Contents
My Active Documents	This folder contains documents that you are currently working on or that have been submitted to you by an expert service provider. These documents are waiting for action by you.
Appointments' List	Quick reference to all your appointments/cases.
My Proposed Assignments	Not in use in this District.
My Submitted Documents	This folder contains vouchers for yourself, or your service provider, that have been submitted to the court for payment. Documents submitted to the court requesting expert services or interim payments also appear in this folder.
My Service Provider's Documents	<ul> <li>This folder contains all the vouchers for your service providers, including:</li> <li>Vouchers in progress (attorney enter or expert enter).</li> <li>Vouchers submitted to the attorney for approval and submission to the court.</li> <li>Vouchers signed off by the attorney and submitted to the court for payment.</li> </ul>
Closed Documents	This folder contains documents that have been paid or have been approved by the court. Closed documents will only be displayed for open cases. Closed documents display until they are archived and/or for 60-90 days after an appointment is terminated. They are still accessible through the Appointment page. Closed documents will be archived monthly by the Court.

# **Navigating in the CJA eVoucher Program**



Menu Bar Item	Description							
Home	Click to access the eVoucher home page.							
Operations	Click to search for specific appointments.							
Reports	Click to view selected reports you may run on your appointments.							
Links	Click to access links to CJA resources such as forms, guides, publications, etc.							
Help	Click to access:							
Sign out	Click to log off of the eVoucher program.							

## **Customizing the Home Page**

Customizing your home page allows you to alter the manner in which your information is displayed in the folders.

**Expanding/Collapsing Folders:** Click the **plus** sign is to expand a folder. Click the **minus** sign is to collapse a folder.

#### **Resize a Column**



Along the folder headings (e.g., Case, Description, Type, etc.), move your cursor to the line between the columns until a double arrow  $\iff$  appears.

Step 2

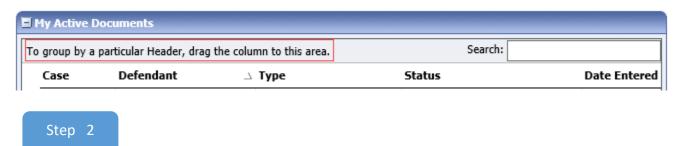
Drag the line in the desired direction to enlarge or reduce the column size.

Note: The folder size does not increase; therefore, some columns may move off the screen.

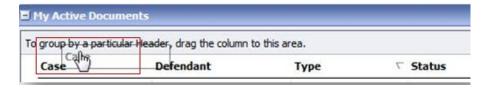
**Group by Column Heading:** You can sort all the information within a folder by grouping documents by column header. All folders displaying the group header bar can be sorted in this manner.

Step 1

Click in the header for the column you wish to group.



Click and drag the header to the **Group by** header bar.



All the information in that folder is now grouped and sorted by that selection.



#### My Profile

In the My Profile section, the attorney can:

- Change password (Login Info section).
- Edit contact information, phone, e-mail, physical address (Attorney Info section).
- Update Social Security number (SSN) or employee identification number (EIN), and any firm affiliation (Billing Info section). An AO-213 must be provided to the court and SSN and EIN numbers will be added/changed are added by court staff. To request a change of billing address, the attorney shall submit a written request and a new Vendor Information/TIN Certification form (AO-213) which is available in the forms section of the Court's web site to the CJA eVoucher Help Desk.
- Add a time period in which you will be out of office (Holding Period). This feature is not in use by this district.
- Document any CLE attendance (Continuing Legal Education section). This feature is for attorney's personal use only.

Click the My Profile link from either the Home page or the Help menu bar to open the My Profile page.



The My Profile page appears.



# **Changing My Profile Username and Password**

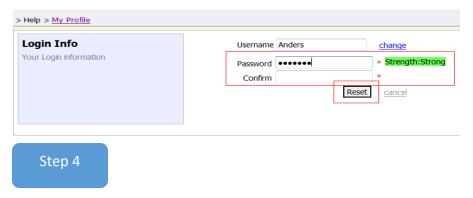
In the Login Info section, click Edit to change your password.



To change your user name, type the new user name and click the **change** link. The "The Username has been changed" message appears. To reset your password, click the **reset** link.



In the **Password** field, enter the new password, and then reenter it in the **Confirm** field. Click **Reset** to save.



Click Close to exit the Login Info section.



# **CM/ECF Access**

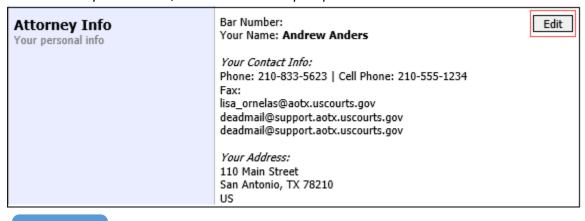
To obtain access to CM/ECF within eVoucher, click "Link to CM/ECF" in the voucher Quick Review Panel (as shown below). You will not be able to successfully link to a case in CM/ECF if it is under seal or if any of the case documents are sealed.



#### **Attorney Info**

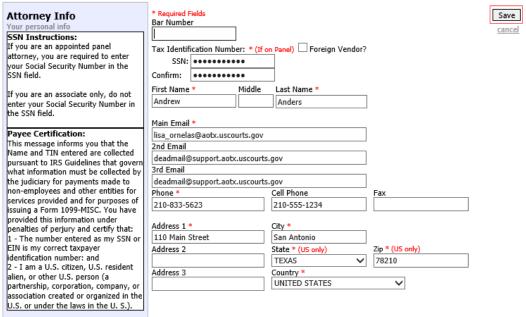
Step 1

In the Attorney Info section, click Edit to access your personal information.



Step 2

Make any necessary changes, and then click Save.

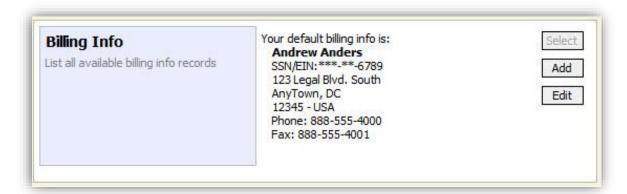


#### **Notes:**

- A SSN must be entered in the User Profile or payment cannot be issued. Changes to SSN/TIN must be made by court staff
- The Country field is automatically set to UNITED STATES unless otherwise indicated.
- If you are a foreign vendor, select the Foreign Vendor check box and enter the appropriate information.
- You can list as many as three email addresses. Notifications from eVoucher are sent to all email addresses.
- Attorney's with pre-existing agreements where the money goes to the firm must provide the firm's EIN, name and address to the court.

# Billing Info - Information in this section is entered by court staff.

Please verify your billing info and notify the court if it is incorrect.



#### **Notes:**

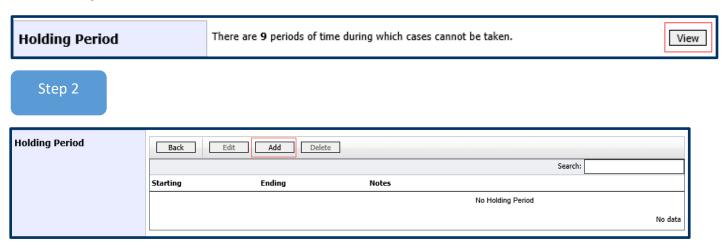
- Billing information must be entered before any payments can be made. Payments and 1099's are mailed to the billing address. **BILLING INFORMATION WILL BE COMPLETED BY COURT STAFF.**
- Attorney's with pre-existing agreements where the money goes to the firm must provide the firm's EIN, name and address to the court.
- The SSN/EIN is used when reporting income to the IRS.
- Attorneys must notify the Court in writing when billing information has changed using AO-213 Form which is available on the Court's Website under forms.

# Holding Period - This is used in conjunction with the eVoucher attorney assignment feature, which is not utilized in this District.

Holding periods can be used for medical leave, vacation, etc. During this time, attorneys are not given a new assignment.



In the Holding Period section, click View.



In the corresponding fields, enter the starting date and ending date, along with any applicable notes. Click Save.



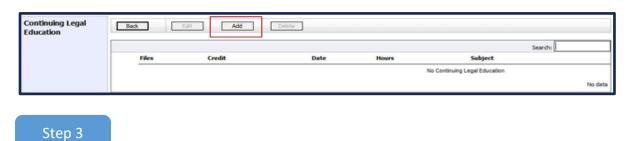
# **Continuing Legal Education (CLE)**



In the Continuing Legal Education section, click **View** to access the CLE information.



To add CLE information, click Add.



Click the **Credit** drop-down arrow to select CLE categories. In the corresponding fields, enter the date, the number of hours, and a description. Click **Save**.



Click **Browse** to upload and attach a PDF document. Then click **Save**.





**Note:** All entries appear in the grid and can be accessed, edited, or deleted either by clicking the entry or clicking the **Edit** or **Delete** buttons.

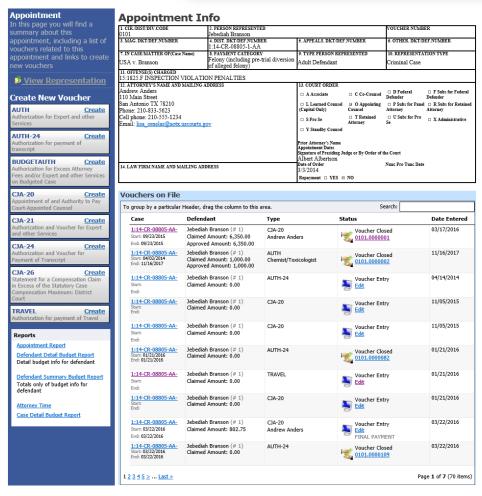
#### **Appointment List**

On your home page, locate the **Appointments** column in the Appointment's List section.

Step 1

Click the case number hyperlink to open the **Appointment Info** page.





Section Name	Contents
Appointment Info	This section contains all information about the appointment.
Vouchers on File	This section contains all vouchers for the appointment.
<b>View Representation</b>	Click the View Representation link to view the Representation Info page.
Create New Voucher	Click the <b>Create</b> link next to the voucher to create a voucher for the appointment.
Reports	This section contains reports for the appointment.

# **View Representation**

Clicking the **View Representation** hyperlink displays the following information:

- Default excess fee limit
- Presiding judge
- Magistrate judge
- Co-counsel
- Previous counsel



In the **Appointment** section, click the **View Representation** link.



The Representation Info page appears.

Representation	Representation Info									
In this page you can view or delete the representation.	1. CIR/DIST/DIV.CODE 0101	2. PERSON REPRESENTED Jebediah Branson	Jebediah Branson							
	3. MAG. DKT/DEF.NUMBER	4. DIST. DKT/DEF.NUMBER 1:14-CR-08805-1-AA	5. APPEALS. DKT/DEF.NUMBE							
Reports	7. IN CASE/MATTER OF(Case Name)	8. PAYMENT CATEGORY	9. TYPE PERSON REPRESENTE	ED 10. REPRESENTATION TYPE						
Representation Report	USA v. Branson	Felony (including pre-trial diversion of alleged felony)	Adult Defendant	Criminal Case						
	11: OFFENSE(S) CHARGED 15:1825 F INSPECTION VIOLATION PENALTIES									
	\$11,500.00	PRESIDING JUDGE Albert Albertson	MAGISTRATE JUDGE	DESIGNEE 1						
				DESIGNEE 2						
	App.ID Attorney	Order Type	Order	Email						
	4 Andrew Anders	Appointing Counsel	03/03/14	lisa_ornelas@aotx.uscourts.gov						

#### **CJA 20 Voucher Process Overview**

Attorney enters time/expenses and submits voucher.

Court CJA
Administrator audits
voucher.

Court approves or rejects the voucher.

Court processes voucher for payment.

## Creating the CJA 20 Voucher

The Court creates the appointment. The attorney initiates the CJA 20 voucher.

**Note:** All voucher types and documents function primarily the same.

In the **Appointment** section, from the CJA-20 voucher template, click the **Create** hyperlink.



The voucher opens to the **Basic Info** page, which displays the information in the paper voucher format.



#### **Notes:**

- To avoid data loss, frequently save any entries made to a voucher.
- To delete the voucher, click **Delete Draft** at any time prior to submitting it.
- To check for warnings or errors in the document, click Audit Assist at any time prior to submission and address any issues/warnings in the public/attorney notes on the confirmation page.
- To navigate use the tab headings or progress bar.

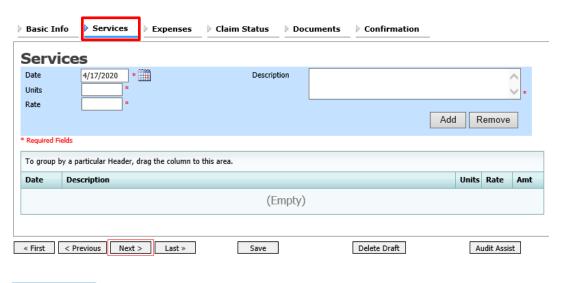
## **Entering Services**

Line item time entries should be entered on the **Services** page. Both in-court and out-of-court time should be recorded here.

Note: There is NOT AN AUTOSAVE function on this program. You must click Save periodically to save your work.

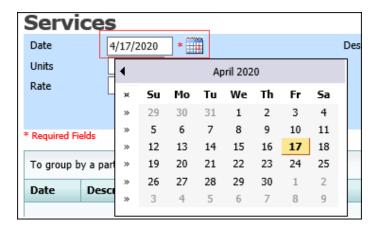


Click the **Services** tab or click **Next** on the progress bar.



Step 2

Enter the date of the service. The default date is always the current date. You can either type the date or click the calendar icon and select a date from the pop-up calendar.





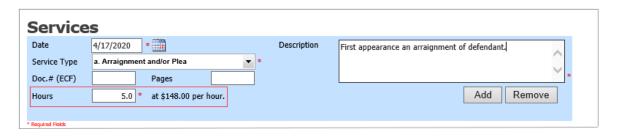
Click the **Service Type** drop-down arrow and select the service type.



**Note:** You can add dates in any order, or sort in chronological order at any time.

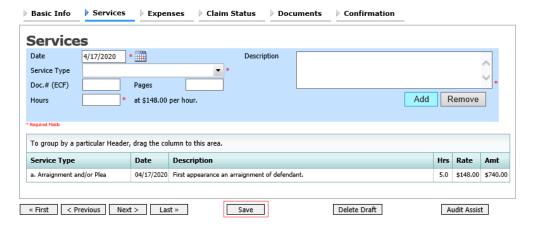


Enter your hours of service in tenths of an hour, enter a description, and then click Add.





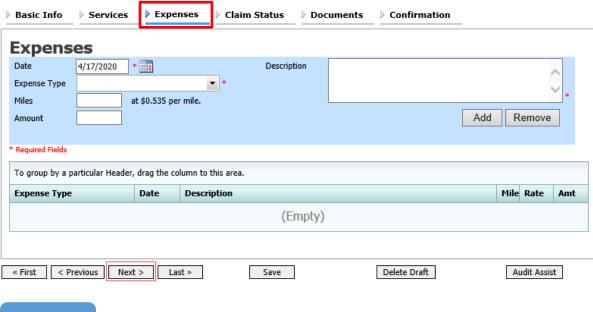
The entry is added to the voucher and appears at the bottom of the Service Type column. The Date header sorts by date. Be sure to click **Save**. Click an entry to edit.



# **Entering Expenses**

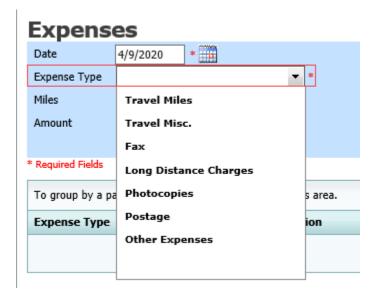


Click the **Expenses** tab or click **Next** on the progress bar.

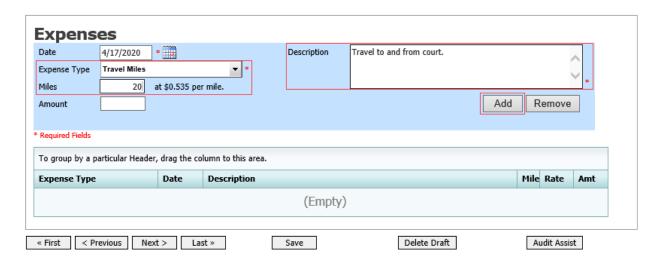


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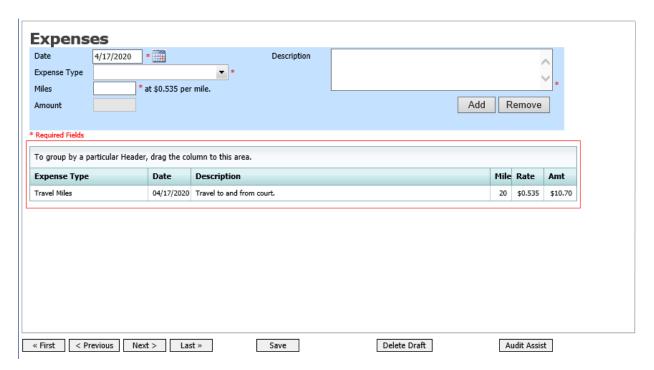
From the **Expense Type** drop-down menu, select the applicable expense.



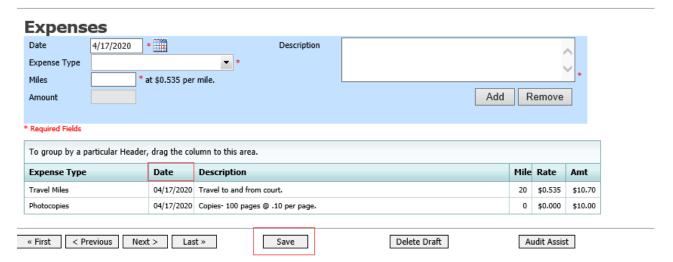
If **Travel Miles** is chosen, enter the round-trip mileage, and then click in the **Description** field to enter a description. Click **Add**.



The entry will be added to the voucher and will appear at the bottom of the **Expense Type** column.



Click in the **Date** column header to sort expenses by date. Click **Save**.



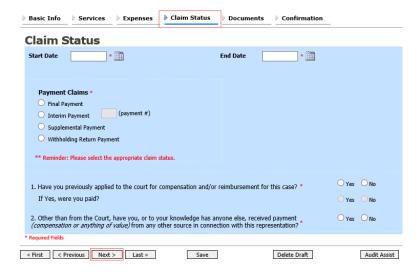
#### **Notes:**

- If Photocopies or fax expenses are chosen, indicate the number of pages, and the rate charged per page.
- Remember to click **ADD** after each entry.
- Click an entry to edit.

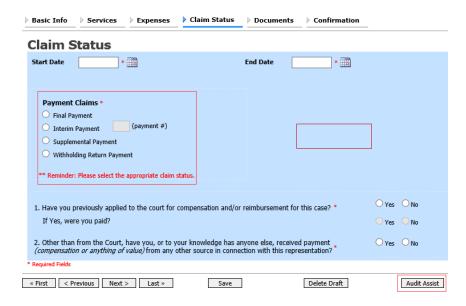
#### **Claim Status**



Click the **Claim Status** tab or click **Next** on the progress bar.



Enter the start date from the services or expenses entries, whichever date is earliest. If necessary, go back to the Expense and Service sections and click the **Date** header to sort by the earliest date of services. Answer all the questions regarding previous payments in this case, and then click **Save**. Click **Audit Assist** at any time to view any errors or warnings regarding your document.



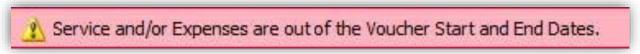
#### **Notes:**

The Payment Claims section features the following payment claims type radio buttons:

- Final Payment to request payment after all services have been completed.
- **Interim Payment** to allow for payment throughout the appointment, but each court's practice may differ. If using this type of payment, indicate the number of interim payments.
- **Supplemental Payment** to request payment due to a missed or forgotten receipt or a missed service line entry after the final payment has been submitted.
- This district does not use the Withholding Return Payment.

At any point while creating services or expense, click Audit Assist to view any errors or warnings regarding your document.

If you try to submit with errors, you may receive the following pink error message:



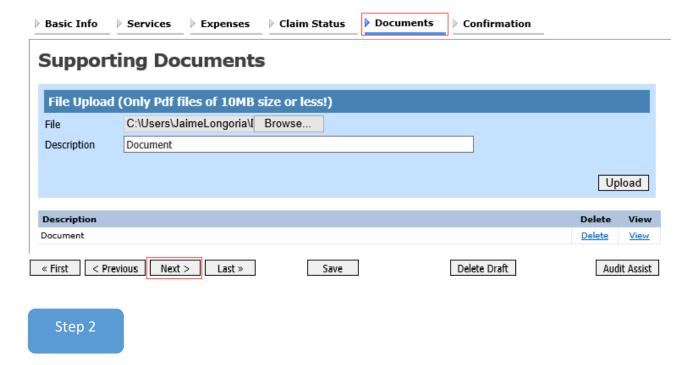
The message will be removed when you complete the **Claim Status** section with correct start and end dates that include all service and expenses dates for the voucher.

#### **Documents**

Attorneys (as well as the Court) may attach documents. Attach any documentation which supports the voucher, i.e. interim payment memorandum, case budget order, excess compensation memorandum or CJA-26, travel or other expense receipts, or orders from the Court. All documents must be submitted in PDF format and must be 10MB or less.

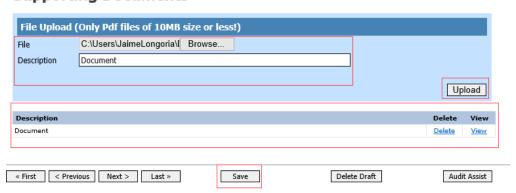


Click the **Documents** tab or click **Next** on the progress bar.



To add an attachment, click **Browse** to locate your file. Add a description of the attachment. Click **Upload**. The attachment and description are added to the voucher and appears at the bottom of the Description column.

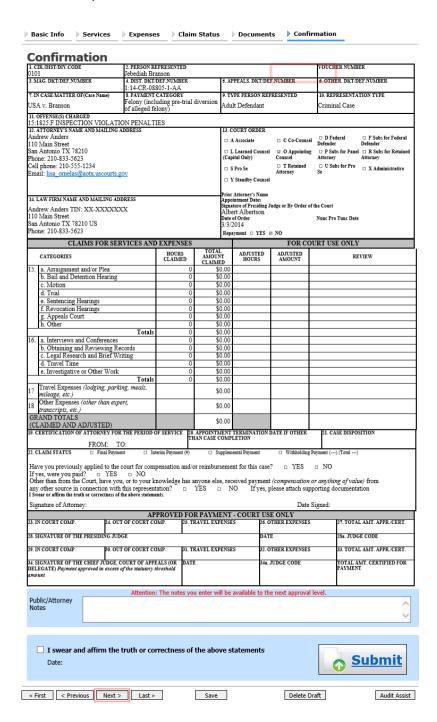
#### **Supporting Documents**



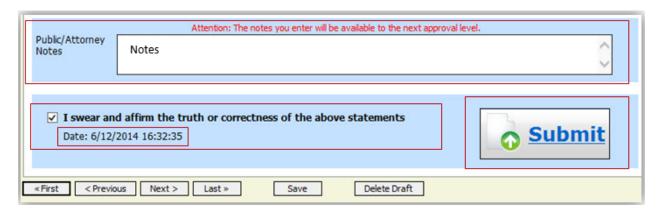
## **Signing and Submitting to Court**



When you have added all voucher entries, you are ready to sign and submit your voucher to the court. Click the **Confirmation** tab or click **Next** on the progress bar. The **Confirmation** page appears, reflecting all entries from the previous screens. Verify the information is correct. Scroll to the bottom of the screen.



In the **Public/Attorney Notes** field, you can include any notes to the court. Select the check box to swear and affirm to the accuracy of the authorization, which automatically time stamps it. Click **Submit**.

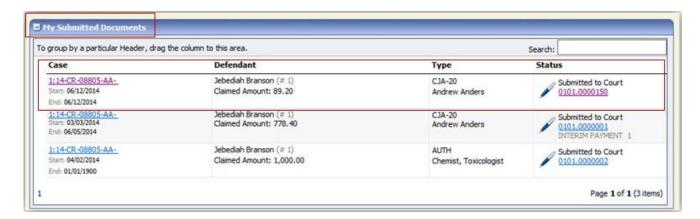




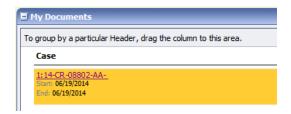
A confirmation screen appears, indicating the previous action was successful and the voucher has been submitted for payment. Click the **Home Page** link to return to the home page. Click the **Appointment Page** link if you wish to create an additional document for this appointment.



The active voucher is removed from the **My Active Documents** section and now appears in the **My Submitted Documents** section.



**Note:** If a voucher is rejected by the court, it reappears in the My Documents section highlighted in gold. The system generates an email message explaining



# **Disposition Codes**

CASE TYPE	TYPE OF DISPOSITION	CODE
District Court Criminal and Other Proceedings	Dismissed	1
	Acquitted by court, or government motion for	
	judgment of acquittal granted	2
	Acquitted by jury	3
	Convicted/final plea guilty	4
	Convicted/final plea nolo	5
	Convicted/court trial	8
	Convicted/jury trial	9
	Mistrial	С
	Not Guilty/insane/court trial	Е
	Guilty/insane/court trial	F
	Not guilty/insane/jury trial	G
	Guilty/insane/jury trial	Н
	Other (PTD matters, other reps., Transfers)	X
Appeals	Affirmed	Α
	Reversed	R
	Reversed in Part/Affirmed in Part	RA
	Affirmed in Part/Reversed in Part	AR
	Dismissed	1
Probation/Parole/		
Supervised Release	Revoked	RV
	Restored	RS
Habeas/Petitions/Writs	Granted	GR
	Denied	DE

## **CJA 20 Quick Review Panel**

When entering time and expenses in a CJA 20 voucher, the attorney may monitor the voucher totals using the quick review panel on the left side of the screen.

The **Services** and **Expenses** fields tally as entries are entered in the voucher.



Expand the item by clicking the drop-down arrow to reveal specifics.



#### **Reports and Case Management**

At the start of a case, it may be difficult for counsel or the court to know whether a case has the potential to exceed the statutory maximum allowed for representation. Therefore, attorneys are encouraged to monitor the status of funds, attorney hours, and expert services, by reviewing the reports provided in the CJA eVoucher program. Items to remember:

- Viewable reports appear on the left review panel.
- Each panel, depending upon which document you are viewing, can have different reports available.
- Each report can have a short description of the information received when viewing that report.
- The two main reports are the Defendant Detail Budget Report and the Defendant Summary Budget Report.



You can find other accessible reports by clicking **Reports** on the menu bar.



#### **Defendant Detailed Budget Report**

This report will reflect the total amount authorized for this representation, any excess payment allowed, the vouchers submitted against those authorizations, and the remaining balances.

The report will provide the information in two sections: attorney appointment and authorized expert service.

#### Defendant Detail Budget Report - Attorney 1:14-CR-08805-1-AA

 Counsel Budget
 Defendant: Jebediah Branson

 Type of Representation:
 Criminal Case

 Budget Amount Requested:
 \$0.00

 Budget Amount Approved:
 \$3,900.00

			Per	ding			Ар	Amount Remaining				
Time Period For Voucher	Voucher Number	Fees	es Expenses		Expenses Total		Fees	Expenses		Total	After Approved	After Approved
			Travel	Other			Travel	Other			And Pending	
Attorney: Andrew Anders	Attorney: Andrew Anders (Appointing Counsel) Active											
09/23/2015 to 09/23/2015	0101.0000001	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,350.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,350.00	\$3,550.00	\$3,550.00	
01/01/1901 to 01/01/1901		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,550.00	\$3,550.00	
01/01/1901 to 01/01/1901		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,550.00	\$3,550.00	
			To	tal Pending:	\$0.00		Tota	al Approved:	\$6,350.00	\$3,550.00	\$3,550.00	

Expert and Other Services Budget - Requiring Authorization Defendant Jebediah Branson									
			Pending	Approved				Amount Remaining	
Time Period For Voucher			Expenses Travel Other	Total	Fees	Fees Expenses Total		After Approved	After Approved
Authorization Number: 01 Specialty: Chemist, Toxic	Amoun	t Authorized:				Attorne	y: Andrew Anders		

Grand Totals for the Representation Defendant: Jebediah Branson										
NOTE: The Grand Totals Include Counsel CJA20 or CJA30	Pending				Approved				Combined Total	
vouchers as well as vouchers for Expert or Services on CJA21 or CJA31. They represent the total submitted expenditures for this representation.	Fees	Expenses		Total	Total Fees	Expenses		Total	Approved and Pending	
		Travel	Other			Travel	Other		Fees	Fees and Expenses
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,350.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,350.00	\$6,350.00	\$6,350.00

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## **Defendant Summary Budget Report**

This report contains the same information as the Defendant Detailed Budget Report without the individual voucher data.

#### Defendant Summary Budget Report - Attorney 1:14-CR-08805-1-AA

Counsel Budget	Defendant	: Jebed	liah Bra	nson								
Type of Representation:	Crimina	Case										
Budget Amount Requeste	d: \$0.00											
Budget Amount Approved	\$9,900.0	0										
				Pending				Approved		Amount	Remaining	
Time Period For Voucher	Voucher Number	Fees	1	Expenses	Total	Fees	Đ	penses	Total	After Approved	After Approved	
			Trave	el Othe	•		Travel	Other			And Pending	
Attorney: Andrew Anders	(Appointing	Counsel)			Active							
				Total Pend	ng: \$0	.00	Т	otal Approve	1: \$6,350.0	\$3,550.0	\$3,550.00	
Expert and Other Ser	vices Budge	t - Requi	iring Auth	orization						Defendar	t: Jebediah Branson	
				Pending			Approved				Amount Remaining	
Time Period For Voucher	Voucher Number	Fees		Expenses		Fees	s Expenses		Total	After Approved	After Approved	
			Trave	el Othe	r		Travel	Other			And Pending	
Authorization Number: 01 Specialty: Chemist, Toxic		Amo	unt Reques	sted: \$1,000.0	0 Am	ount Authorize	ed: \$0.00			Attorn	ey: Andrew Anders	
Grand Totals for the F	Representation	on								Defendant:	Jebediah Branson	
NOTE: The Grand Totals In	clude		Pend	Ing			Appr	oved		Combine	i Total	
Counsel CJA20 or CJA30 vouchers as well as vouch		98	Expen	1888	Total	Fees	Expe	nses	Total	Approved an	d Pending	
Expert or Services on CJA2 CJA31. They represent the submitted expenditures for	total		Travel	Other			Travel	Other		Fees	Fees and Expenses	
representation. *Does not include Travel Ai	uth	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,350.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,350.00	\$6,350.00	\$6,350.00	

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#### **CJA 21 Voucher Process Overview**



## **Creating a CJA 21 Voucher**

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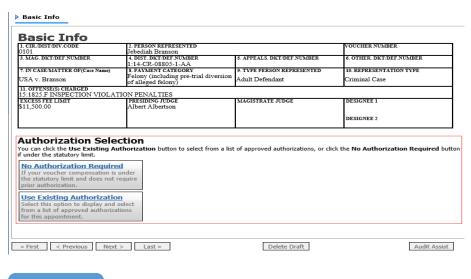


Step 3

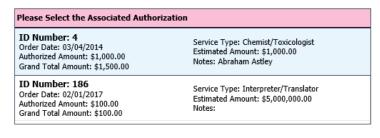
On the Appointment page, click Create from the CJA-21 voucher template. The voucher opens the Basic Info page.



When submitting a CJA-21 voucher, you have two options from which to choose in the **Authorization Selection** section. If the request does not require advance authorization, click **No Authorization Required**. If you have a previously approved authorization, click **Use Existing Authorization**.



If you click **Use Existing Authorization**, a list of associated authorizations appears. Click the desired authorization, which turns blue when clicked. *You cannot continue until it is highlighted*.



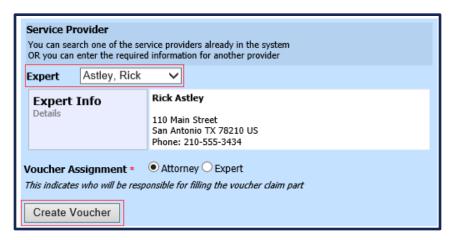


The service type automatically populates based on the authorization selected. If no authorization is being used, click the **Service Type** drop-down arrow and select the service type. In the **Description** field, enter a description of the service to be provided.





From the **Expert** drop-down list, select the expert. Once you have made your selection, click **Create Voucher**.

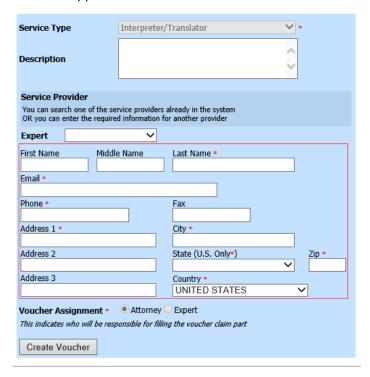


#### **Notes:**

- Only experts registered with the service type selected appear in the drop-down list. To submit a person for approval, steps on how to add an expert are outlined in the next section.
- All information must be entered to advance to the next screen.
- Experts are not authorized to use eVoucher so the attorney must file the voucher on behalf of the expert. The voucher appears in the My Active Documents section as submitted to the attorney. The Attorney must also perform the second level approval/submission by clicking the voucher, navigating to the Confirmation page, and approving the voucher, which then moves to the My Submitted Documents section.



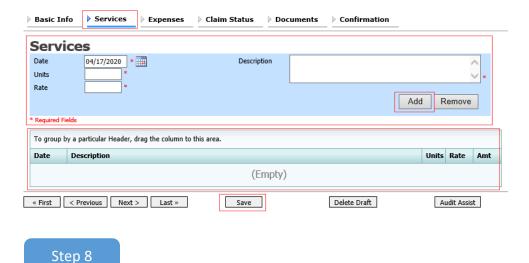
If the expert is not currently in the eVoucher system, you must fill in their information. In the **Voucher Assignment** section, the **Attorney** radio button is automatically selected. Fill in all required information for the person you wish to submit for approval. Click **Create Voucher**.



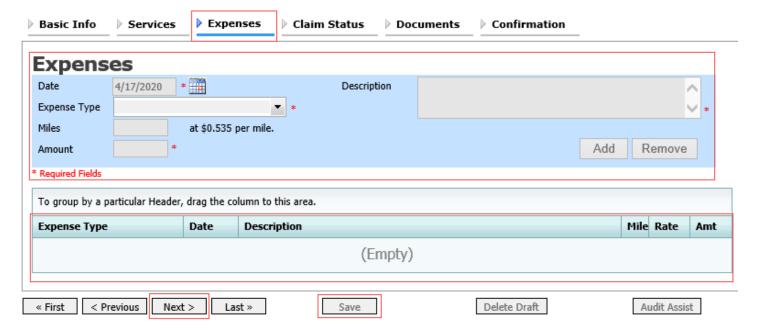
#### **Notes:**

- The expert goes through an approval process. Attorney will be asked to provide the court an AO-213 form completed by the expert. The Attorney will send completed form to the CJA Administrator. Once approved, an email is sent to the attorney.
- After approval you can select the expert from the Expert drop-down list and their information automatically populates.
- Since the attorney submits expert vouchers in this district, as stated earlier, they must approve the voucher twice; once while sending it for the expert and a second time after it appears in the My Active Documents section.

Click the **Services** tab or click **Next** on the progress bar. In the corresponding fields, enter the date, units, rate, and description. Click **Add**. The item appears at the bottom of the Services section. Click **Save**.



Click the **Expenses** tab or click **Next** on the progress bar. In the corresponding fields, enter the date, expense type, description, and miles. Click **Add**. The item appears in the Expense Type column. Click **Save**.



**Note:** Services and expenses may be rolled up and entered as one line item as long as a detailed invoice is attached and in the description box on the service line enter "see attached invoice."

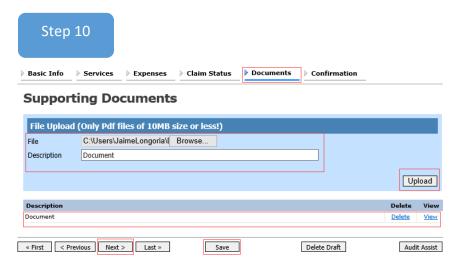


Click the **Claim Status** tab or click **Next** on the progress bar. Enter the start and end dates, making sure to select the earliest date of services and expenses as the start date. In the Payment Claims section, click the appropriate radio button, and then click **Save**.



#### **Notes:**

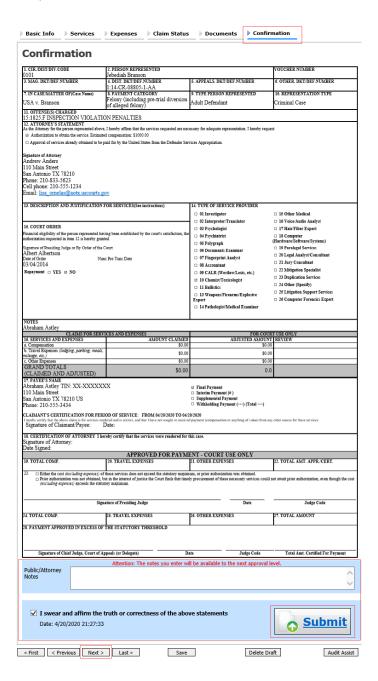
- Final payment is requested after all services have been completed.
- Interim payment allows for payment in segments throughout the case. If using this type of payment indicate the number of this payment request. Refer to the section on **Interim Payments** for further instructions, but each court's practice may differ. If using this type of payment, indicate the number of this request payment.
- After the final payment number has been submitted, supplemental payment may be requested due to a missed or forgotten receipt or a missed service line entry.
- This district does not use the Withholding Return Payment.



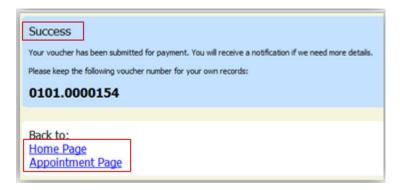
Click the **Documents** tab or click **Next** on the progress bar. To add an attachment, click **Browse** to locate your file, and then add a description of the attachment. Click **Upload**. The attachment and description is added to the voucher and appears in the Description column. Click **Save**.

Note: All documents must be submitted in PDF format and must be 10 MB or less.

Click the **Confirmation** tab or click **Next** on the progress bar. In the **Public/Attorney Notes** field, you can include any notes to the court. Select the check box to swear and affirm to the accuracy of the authorization, which automatically time stamps it. Click **Submit**.



A confirmation screen appears, indicating the previous action was successful and the voucher has been submitted. Click the **Home Page** link to return to the home page. Click the **Appointment Page** link if you wish to create an additional document for this appointment.

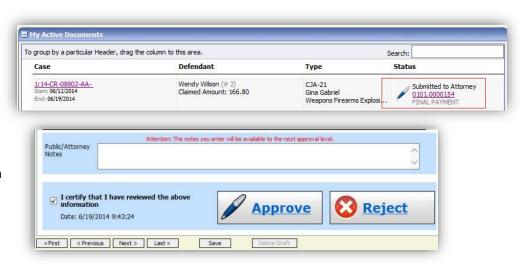


The Attorney must now perform the second level approval/submission by going to the **Home Page** and selecting the voucher in the **My Active Documents** section.

# Step 13

Select the file from My Active Documents.

Navigate to the **Confirmation** tab. Verify all information is correct. Certify information by selecting the certification check box (this will date and time stamp the voucher). Click **Approve**.



# **Submitting an Authorization Request for Expert Services**

## **AUTH Process Overview**

Attorney creates and submits to Court

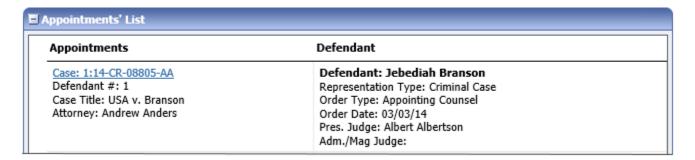
AUTH audited by Court CJA Unit

AUTH review and approval (or rejection) by Court

Approved AUTH returned to Attorney (closed)

Step 1

In the Appointment's List section, open the appointment record.



Step 2

On the Appointment page, in the Create New Voucher section, click the **Create** link next to AUTH.



Click **Create New Authorization** (or **Request Additional Funds** if you are asking for additional funds on a previously approved authorization).

#### Authorization Type Selection

You can click the Create New Authorization button to create a new authorization request, or click the Request Additional Funds button to select from a list of approved authorizations that you would like to request additional funds for.

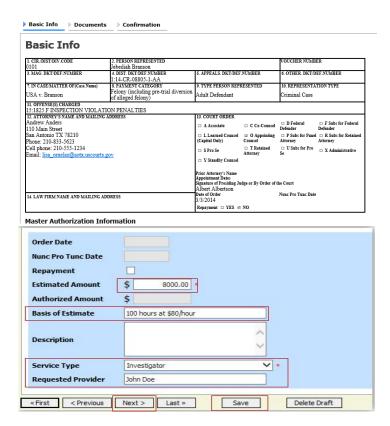


Step 4

The Basic Info page appears. Complete the information in the Master Authorization Information section at the bottom of the screen. This includes the following:

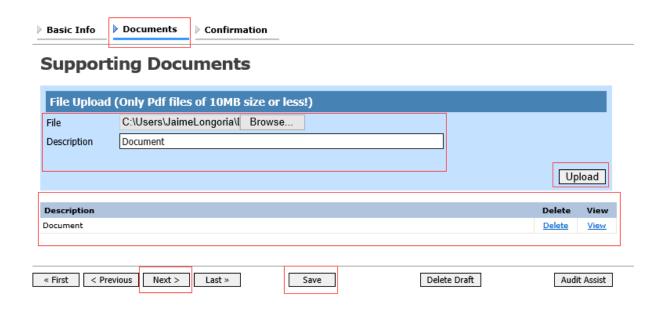
- Estimated Amount field (enter total dollar amount estimated)
- Basis of Estimate field (enter hourly rate and number of hours)
- Service Type drop-down list
- Requested Provider field (enter provider name)

#### Click Save.



Click the **Documents** tab or click **Next** on the progress bar. To add an attachment, click **Browse** to locate your file, and then add a description of the attachment. Click **Upload**. The attachment and description is added to the voucher and appears at the bottom of the Description column.

Documents you should include with authorization request: Written estimate from expert (if you have one), Expert's Curriculum Vitae, and a memorandum supporting need for expert services.



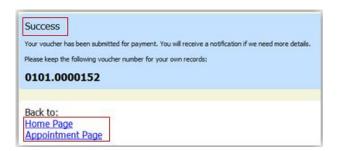
Note: All documents must be submitted in PDF format and must be 10 MB or less.

Click the **Confirmation** tab or click **Next** on the progress bar. In the **Public/Attorney Notes** field, you can include any notes to the court. Select the check box to swear and affirm to the accuracy of the authorization, which automatically time stamps it. Click **Submit**.



# Step 7

A confirmation screen appears, indicating the previous action was successful and the authorization request has been submitted. Click the **Home Page** link to return to the home page. Click the **Appointment Page** link if you wish to create an additional document for this appointment.



# **Creating an Authorization for Transcripts (AUTH 24)**

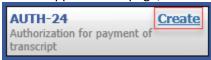
## **AUTH 24 Process Overview**



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On the Appointment page, in the Create New Voucher section, click the Create link next to AUTH-24.



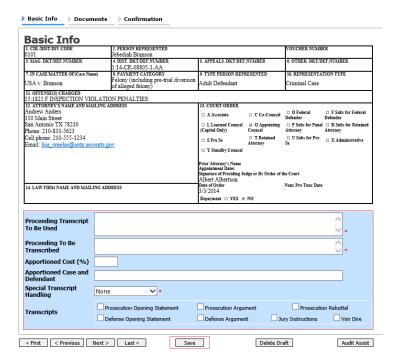
Step 2

The authorization opens to the Basic Info page. Click the **No Authorization Required** link.

# No Authorization Required

If your voucher compensation is under the statutory limit and does not require prior authorization.

On the Basic Info page, enter the details for the required transcript. Click Save.



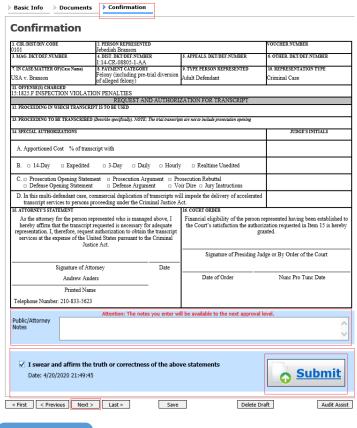
# Step 4

Click the **Documents** tab or click **Next** on the progress bar. To add an attachment, click **Browse** to locate your file, and then add a description of the attachment. Click **Upload**. The attachment and description are added to the voucher and appear in the Description column. Click **Save**.



Note: All documents must be submitted in PDF format and must be 10 MB or less.

Click the **Confirmation** tab or click **Next** on the progress bar. In the **Public/Attorney Notes** field, you can include any notes to the court. Select the check box to swear and affirm to the accuracy of the authorization, which automatically time stamps it. Click **Submit**.



# Step 6

A confirmation screen appears, indicating that the previous action was successful, and the authorization request has been submitted. Click the **Home Page** link to return to the home page. Click the **Appointment Page** link if you wish to create an additional document for this appointment.



When the AUTH-24 is approved, it will appear in the **My Active Documents** section of the Attorney home page and the **Vouchers on File** section on the Appointment Page.

# **Creating a CJA 24 Voucher**

After submission and approval of AUTH-24, you can create the CJA-24 voucher for payment. You will also receive an email from the Court telling you to create a CJA-24.

# **CJA 24 Voucher Process Overview**



The AUTH-24 and CJA-24 is used if the court reporter is a court employee or Alpha Reporting (our contract court reporter). If the court reporter is an independent court reporter, use an AUTH and a CJA-21 instead of an AUTH-24 and a CJA-24.

**Note:** There is **NOT AN AUTOSAVE** function on this program. You must click **Save** periodically to save your work.

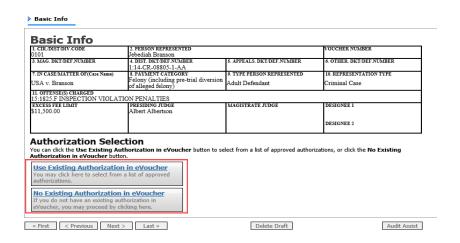


On the Appointment page, in the Create New Voucher section, click the Create link next to CJA-24.





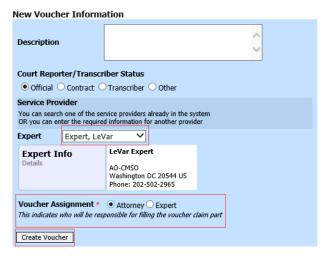
The Basic Info page appears. Click the **Use Existing Authorization in eVoucher** link.



Click the applicable AUTH-24, which highlights it in blue. You cannot continue until it is highlighted.

#### Authorization Selection You can click the Use Existing Authorization in eVoucher button to select from a list of approved authorizations, or click the No Existing Authorization in eVoucher button. Please Select the Associated Authorization Use Existing Authorization in eVoucher You may click here to select from a list of approved Service Type: Court Reporter / Transcript Special Handling: 0 ID Number: 89 Order Date: 01/21/2016 No Existing Authorization in eVoucher Proceeding Transcribed: Transcription If you do not have an existing authorization i eVoucher, you may proceed by clicking here. Prosecution Opening Prosecution Argument Prosecution Rebuttal Defense Opening Statement Defense Argument Jury Instructions In this multi-defendant case, commercial duplication of transcripts will impede the delivery of accelerated transcript services to persons proceeding under the Criminal Justice Act Service Type: Court Reporter / Transcript ID Number: 116 Order Date: 03/22/2016 Special Handling: 0 Proceeding Transcribed: Arraignment Prosecution Opening Prosecution Argument Prosecution Rebuttal Defense Opening Statement Defense Argument Jury Instructions Voir Dire In this multi-defendant case, commercial duplication of transcripts will impede the delivery of accelerated transcript services to persons proceeding under the Criminal Justice Act. Step 4

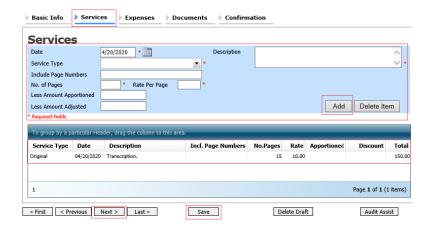
Click the **Expert** drop-down arrow and select the transcriptionist. In the **Voucher Assignment** section, click the appropriate radio button indicating whether the attorney or the transcriptionist will be entering information. Click **Create Voucher**.



#### **Notes:**

- To enter a new transcriptionist into the system, select the expert from the **Expert** drop-down list, and enter details in the Expert Info section.
- Selecting a transcriptionist already in the system automatically populates that expert's information.
- Select whether the attorney or the court reporter will be filling out the voucher claim portion.
- If the attorney clicks the **Expert** radio button, the expert fills out the required expense information and submits the form. The attorney then approves and submits to the court.

Click the **Services** tab or click **Next** on the progress bar. Complete the **Date**, **Service Type**, **No. of Pages**, **Rate Per Page**, and **Description** fields, then click **Add**. The items appears in the Service Type column. Click **Save**.



# Step 6

Click the **Expenses** tab or click **Next** on the progress bar. Complete the **Date**, **Expense Type**, and **Description** fields, and then click **Add**. The item appears in the Expense Type column. Click **Save**.

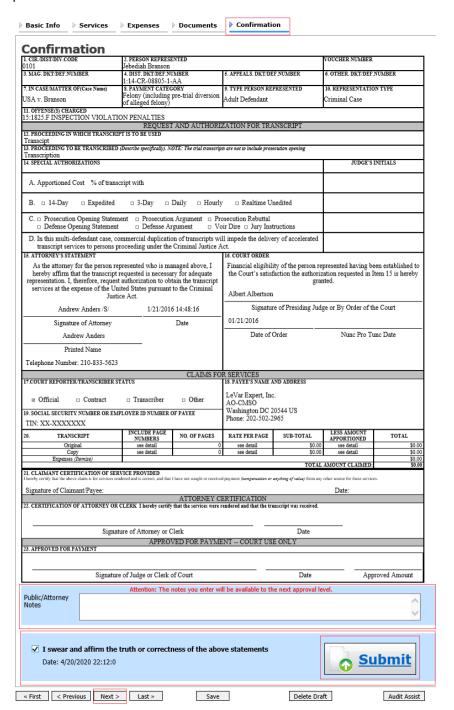


Click the **Documents** tab or click **Next** on the progress bar. Click **Browse** to locate your file, and then add a description of the attachment. Click **Upload**. The attachment and description are added to the voucher and appear in the Description column.

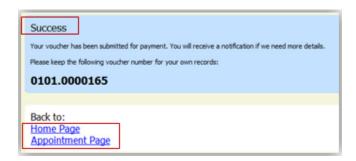


**Note:** All documents must be submitted in PDF format and must be 10 MB or less.

Click the **Confirmation** tab or click **Next** on the progress bar. In the **Public/Attorney Notes** field, you can include any notes to the court. Select the check box to swear and affirm to the accuracy of the authorization, which automatically time stamps it. Click **Submit**.



A confirmation screen appears, indicating the previous action was successful, and the voucher has been submitted. Click the **Home Page** link to return to the home page. Click the **Appointment Page** link if you wish to create an additional document for this appointment.

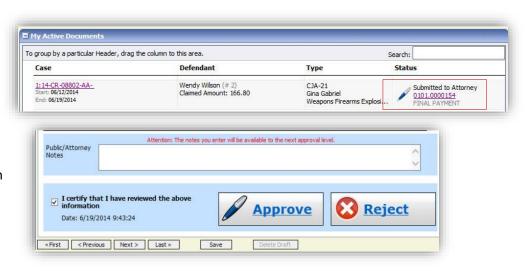


After the claim portion of the CJA 24 is completed (either by the attorney or the court reporter), the Attorney must perform the second level approval/submission. Vouchers awaiting second level approval will be displayed in the **My Active Documents** section on the Attorney home page.

# Step 10

Select the file from My Active Documents.

Navigate to the **Confirmation** tab. Verify all information is correct. Certify information by selecting the certification check box (this will date and time stamp the voucher). Click **Approve**.



# **Expedited Transcripts and Digital Recordings**

# **Obtaining an Expedited Transcript**

When the production of a transcript is needed within 14 days or less, an accelerated procedure outside the CJA eVoucher system has been adopted so that these transcript requests and payment vouchers may be processed quickly. This special procedure is **only** to be used when a transcript request needs immediate attention due to the time sensitivity (this is usually referred to as an "expedited transcript"). Specifically, the special procedure set forth below may only be used when a transcript must be obtained within 14 days of the request or less; this includes, but is not limited to, requests for daily, hourly and realtime transcripts. All other transcript requests and CJA 24 voucher forms must be created and submitted electronically by the CJA Attorney using the eVoucher system.

Step 1

Attorney completes and signs paper CJA-24 Authorization and Voucher for Payment of Transcript Form (Sections 1-15 are to be completed). Paper CJA-24 forms are available on the Court's Web Site in the "Forms and Applications" section.

Step 2

Attorney submits the signed and completed paper CJA-24 form directly to the Court Reporter (via email or hand delivery).

Step 3

Court Reporter reviews the CJA-24 form for completeness and presents to appropriate Judge for approval.

Step 4 Court Reporter forwards CJA-24 form signed by the Judge to the Clerk's Office CJA Administrator. (If the Judge does not approve the transcript request, the Court Reporter will notify the Attorney and return the CJA-24 form. *Stop here. Do not proceed further in these instructions.*)

Step 5

CJA Administrator creates AUTH-24 in the eVoucher system in accordance with the signed CJA-24 form. The paper CJA-24 is uploaded and attached to the AUTH-24. The AUTH-24 will be processed in eVoucher.

Step 6

CJA Administrator creates CJA-24 voucher upon processing of AUTH-24. CJA-24 voucher submitted to the Court Reporter for completion of voucher claim portion.

Step 7 Court Reporter enters services and expenses in connection with the expedited transcript. (*The method by which a completed transcript is delivered to the CJA Attorney is at the discretion of each Court Reporter.*)

Step 8

Attorney certifies CJA-24 voucher.

# **Obtaining Transcript of a Digital Recording**

To obtain the transcript of a digitally recorded court proceeding, attorneys must first complete and submit an AO-436TN *Digital Recording Order* form (available on the Court's Web Site). A CD of the recording will be produced and provided to the attorney. It is then the attorney's responsibility to makes arrangements to have the CD transcribed by contacting an official court reporter from this district court or a freelance reporter or court reporting firm. For payment of the actual transcript and transcription services, the attorney must create and submit the appropriate documents in the eVoucher system. The documents that are created and submitted through eVoucher will depend on who performs the work, an official court reporter or a contract reporter. Procedures for each are set forth below.

**OFFICIAL COURT REPORTER** - If an official court reporter has agreed to transcribe the digital recording, counsel will create and submit an AUTH-24 (authorization for payment of the transcript) and a CJA-24 payment voucher in eVoucher.



Attorney creates and submits **AUTH-24** (See section on *Creating an Authorization for AUTH-24 Transcripts*). In the **Public/Attorney Notes** section include a statement that arrangements have been made with [name the official reporter] to transcribe the recording.



Attorney creates CJA-24 voucher (See section on *Creating a CJA-24 Voucher*) after approval of AUTH-24.

**FREELANCE REPORTER OR COURT REPORTING FIRM** - If a freelance reporter or court reporting firm will be used to transcribe the digital recording, counsel shall create and submit a CJA-21 voucher on behalf of the expert.



Attorney creates and submits **CJA-21 voucher** (See section on *Creating a CJA 21 Voucher*) attaching the invoice from the transcriptionist.



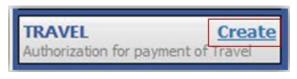
Attorney certifies the **CJA-21 voucher** after submission in Step 1 (See section on **Approving a CJA-21 Voucher**).

# **Creating a Travel Authorization**

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On the Appointment page, in the Create New Voucher section, click the Create link next to TRAVEL.

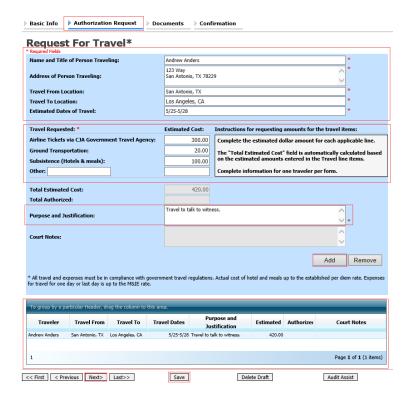




The Basic Info page appears. The Travel Agency to be Used section automatically populates.

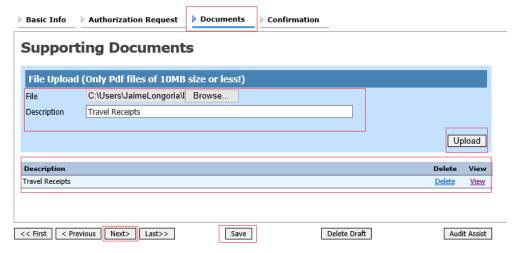


Click the **Authorization Request** tab or click **Next** on the progress bar. Complete all required fields marked with red asterisks, and then click **Add**. The information appears in the table at the bottom of the screen. Click **Save**.



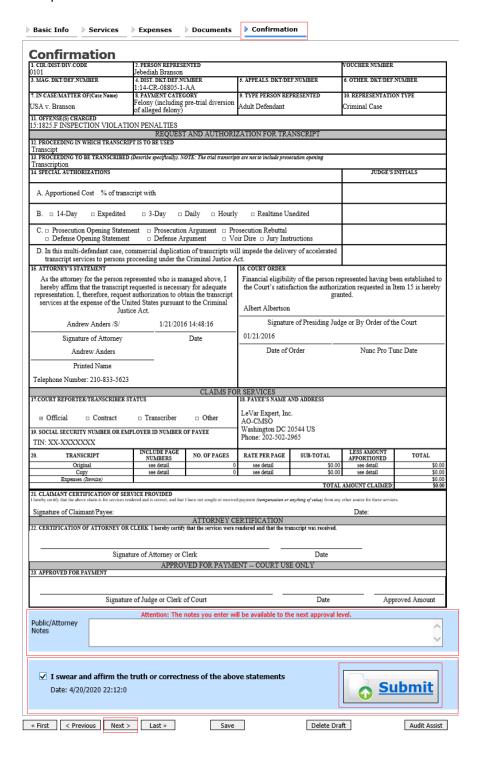
# Step 4

Click the **Documents** tab or click **Next** on the progress bar. Click **Browse** to locate your file, and then add a description of the attachment. Click **Upload**. The attachment and description are added to the voucher and appear in the Description column. (This is where you will upload memorandum supporting requested travel.)

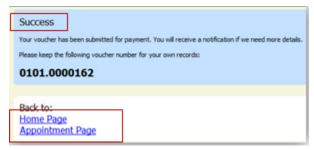


Note: All documents must be submitted in PDF format and must be 10 MB or less.

Click the **Confirmation** tab or click **Next** on the progress bar. In the **Public/Attorney Notes** field, you can include any notes to the court. Select the check box to swear and affirm to the accuracy of the authorization, which automatically time stamps it. Click **Submit**.



A confirmation screen appears, indicating the previous action was successful and the voucher has been submitted. Click the **Home Page** link to return to the home page. Click the **Appointment Page** link if you wish to create an additional document for this appointment.



The Travel Authorization will now appear in the My Submitted Documents section.

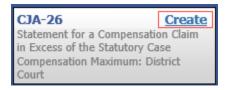
# **Creating a CJA-26 Voucher**

This is a request and justification for expenses outside the statutory limits. A completed CJA 26 form or equivalent memorandum shall be submitted as an attachment to CJA 20 vouchers that exceed the statutory maximum compensation amount.

**Note:** There is **NOT AN AUTOSAVE** function on this program. You must click **Save** periodically to save your work.

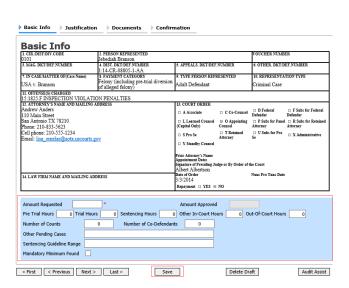


On the Appointment page, in the Create New Voucher section, click the Create link next to CJA-26.



Step 2

The Basic Info page appears. Enter the details for information required. Click **Save**.



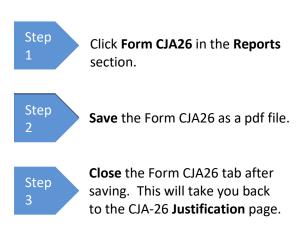
Click the Justification tab or click Next on the progress bar. On the Justification page, enter information in the text fields, and then click Save.

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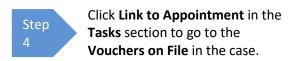
#### STOP. NO FURTHER ENTRIES NECESSARY IN THE "DOCUMENTS" TAB OR THE "CONFIRMATION" TAB.

- 1. Do <u>not</u> upload any supporting documentation to the CJA 26 form. Any additional documentation shall be uploaded directly to the CJA 20 voucher being submitted.
- 2. Do <u>not</u> submit the CJA 26 form on the "Confirmation" page (do not click "approve"). Instead, use the following instructions to save and upload the CJA 26 document directly to the CJA 20 voucher.

# Saving the CJA 26 for Uploading to Voucher



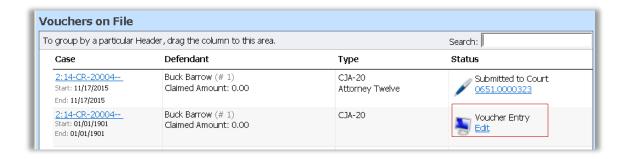








Locate the CJA 20 voucher in the **Vouchers on File** section of the **Appointment Page** and click **Edit**.



Click the **Documents** tab or click **Next** on the progress bar.





To add an attachment, click **Browse** to locate the CJA-26 pdf file. Add a description of the attachment in the **Description** field. Click **Upload**.

The CJA-26 will be submitted to the Court as an attachment to the CJA 20 voucher.

The CJA-26 form created will remain in the **My Active Documents** folder. It may be opened and deleted from the folder once it has been submitted as a pdf.

## **INTERIM PAYMENTS & EXCESS COMP**

## **INTERIM PAYMENTS**

**Non-Capital Cases.** In non-capital cases, where it is considered necessary and appropriate, the court may grant interim payments to relieve court-appointed attorneys of financial hardship in extended and/or complex cases. Relevant factors for granting requests for interim payments are:

- The number of defendants in the case
- Unusual characteristics of the defendant (unable to speak English, mentally deficient, particularly uncooperative)
- Location of defendant
- Type and number of crimes charged
- Complexity or novelty of legal issues
- Volume of record review
- 1. If counsel wishes to receive interim payments, a memorandum of justification must be attached to the CJA-20 Voucher at the time of submission. The court will consider the memorandum and approve or reject the interim payment accordingly. (Ex parte motions for interim payments are no longer filed in CM/ECF.)
- 2. Interim payments for service providers also require that a memorandum of justification be attached to the CJA-21 Voucher at the time of submission. The court will consider the memorandum and approve or reject the interim payment accordingly.
- 3. In multi-defendant cases, each attorney requesting interim payments will need to submit their own memorandum and attach it to the voucher.
- 4. Interim payment vouchers that exceed the statutory maximum compensation threshold require second level approval by the chief judge of the circuit and require the submission of a CJA26 form or equivalent with the voucher.
- 5. If a case budget order includes provisions for interim payments, a separate memorandum of justification is not required; however, the appropriate case budget order must be attached to each interim voucher submitted.

**Capital Cases.** Interim payments are encouraged in capital cases. Provisions for receiving interim payments should be included in the proposed case budget (see *Guide to Judiciary Policy*, Vol. 7A, Appx. 2D). If an approved case budget does not specify interim payments, a separate memorandum of justification will be required with each interim voucher submitted.

# **INTERIM PAYMENTS & EXCESS COMP (cont'd)**

# EXCESS COMP – VOUCHERS EXCEEDING THE STATUTORY MAXIMUM

**CJA-20 VOUCHERS.** For CJA-20 Vouchers exceeding the statutory maximum, counsel must submit a CJA26 form or equivalent memorandum and attach it to the voucher. (See earlier section on Creating, Saving and Uploading a CJA 26 Voucher.) All excess compensation vouchers must be sent to the Circuit for final approval.

#### **WORKFLOW FOR CJA 20 VOUCHERS**

- ⇒ CJA Administrator Reviews Voucher
  - Approved: Voucher Moves to Judge
  - Rejected: Voucher Returned to Attorney
- - Approved: Voucher Returned to CJA Administrator for Transfer to Circuit
  - Rejected: Voucher Returned to CJA Administrator who Returns to Attorney
- ⇒ CJA Administrator Transfers Voucher to Circuit
- ⇒ Returned to CJA Administrator
  - Approved: Voucher Moves to Payment Certification
  - Rejected: Voucher Returned to Attorney
- ⇒ Check Issued by U.S. Treasury

**MAXING OUT CJA-20 VOUCHERS.** Attorneys may opt to accept the maximum compensation amount allowed to eliminate the Circuit approval step on a CJA-20 voucher that exceeds the statutory maximum (locally referred to as "maxing out" your voucher. If an attorney is willing to accept the statutory maximum on a claim that exceeds the statutory maximum amount, he or she must include a statement on the Confirmation Page in the NOTES section authorizing the CJA Administrator to reduce the compensation amount of the voucher prior to submitting to the presiding judge. For example: "I have reported all hours actually worked, however, I am hereby waiving my compensation over the cap of \$10,300. I request payment in the amount of \$10,300 plus my expenses. Alfred Anderson, Esq."

**AUTHS & CJA-21 VOUCHERS.** For expert services that will exceed the statutory maximum, counsel must complete and attach an Appendix 3A (formerly Appendix C) to the AUTH document. All excess compensation AUTH documents and CJA-21 Vouchers must be sent to the Circuit for final approval.

#### **WORKFLOW FOR AUTHS**

- ⇒ Attorney Creates and Submits AUTH (with attached Appendix 3A)
- ⇒ CJA Administrator Reviews AUTH
  - Approved: AUTH Moves to Judge
  - Rejected: AUTH Returned to Attorney
- ⇒ Judge Review
  - Approved: AUTH Returned to CJA Administrator for Transfer to Circuit
  - Rejected: AUTH Returned to CJA Administrator who Returns to Attorney
- □ CJA Administrator Transfers AUTH to Circuit
- ⇒ Returned to CJA Administrator
  - Approved: AUTH Document Closed
  - Rejected: AUTH Returned to Attorney

#### **WORKFLOW FOR CJA-21 VOUCHERS**

- ⇒ Attorney Creates and Submits Voucher (for expert)
- ⇒ Attorney Approves Voucher (certifies receipt of services)
- ⇒ CJA Administrator Reviews Voucher
  - Approved: Voucher Moves to Judge
  - Rejected: Voucher Returned to Attorney
- □ Judge Review
  - Approved: Voucher Returned to CJA Administrator for Transfer to Circuit
  - Rejected: Voucher Returned to CJA Administrator who Returns to Attorney
- ⇒ CJA Administrator Transfers to Circuit
- ⇒ Returned to CJA Administrator
  - Approved: Voucher Moves to Payment Certification
  - Rejected: Voucher Returned to Attorney
- ⇒ Voucher Certified for Payment
- ⇒ Check Issued by U.S. Treasury

### CASE BUDGETS

## CASE BUDGETING INSTRUCTIONS



## **Prepare Proposed Case Budget**

CJA counsel shall initiate and prepare a case budget in: (1) non-capital cases that will likely require more
than 300 attorney hours (2) federal death penalty cases; and (3) capital habeas cases. Preparation of an
initial pre-trial budget should occur as early in the case as possible. The court may also direct the initiation
of a budget. Either way, counsel should contact the Sixth Circuit CJA Case Budgeting Attorney (CCBA) to
discuss the general nature of the case and for assistance in setting up a budget. Contact information for the
CJA Case Budgeting Attorney is: 513-564-7358; Dennis Alerding@ca6.uscourts.gov.

**NOTE:** While there is no statutory case compensation maximum in federal death penalty cases and capital habeas corpus cases, a proposed budget is required and must be reviewed by the CCBA.

- Non-Capital Budget Phases. There are generally three budget phases that require separate budgets, each
  with their own approval Pre-Trial; Trial and Post-Sentencing. The same process is followed for all budget
  phases.
- Capital Case Budget Phases. There are generally four budget phases in capital cases: Preliminary (seed money) Budget, Pre-Authorization Budget, Pretrial Budget and Trial Budget. Each budget requires separate approval.

**NOTE:** The Pre-Authorization Budget ends when DOJ determines whether or not to authorize as a capital case. If the case does not proceed as a capital case, it is the Judge's discretion as to whether or not counsel's hourly rate will be reduced to the normal CJA rate.

- Interim Payments. Interim payments in budgeted cases are encouraged. Therefore, provisions for receiving interim payments should be included in the budget memorandum. If the budget memorandum does not specify interim payments, a separate memorandum of justification will be required with each interim payment voucher submitted.
- **Final Review.** Proposed case budgets should be submitted to the CCBA for final review prior to submitting Budget Auth document in eVoucher the court.
- Additional Funding. If additional funding is necessary after the approval of a case budget, an amendment is
  necessary (Note: approved funding from prior budgets does not carry over). Counsel is also responsible for
  contacting the CCBA to prepare amended budgets. The same process is followed for amendments to
  budgets.



## **Submit Proposed Case Budget for Court Approval**

- To submit the proposed case budget to the court, counsel shall create and submit a Budget Auth document in eVoucher (See page 66).
- The presiding district judge will consider the proposed budget. If approved, the Budget Auth will be forwarded to the chief circuit judge for final approval.
- The chief circuit judge will review the Budget Auth and return it to the district court.
- CJA counsel will receive notice by email when the Budget Auth has been approved by the circuit judge.



# **Entry of Approved Case Budget eVoucher**

- The CJA Administrator will carry out the budget in the CJA eVoucher program by entering the approved attorney compensation amounts set forth in the Budget Auth. It will be indicated in the Notes if interim payments have been approved.
- CJA Counsel will create the appropriate AUTH documents in eVoucher for expert services as set forth in the
  approved Budget Auth. See earlier section on Submitting an Authorization Request for Expert Services. Please
  indicate in the notes section of the AUTH the expert's hourly rate and approved hours. Please indicate in the
  Notes on the Confirmation page if interim payments have been approved. Upload both the motion and the
  order approved by the COA on the documents page.



#### **Submission of Vouchers**

- Counsel will create and submit the CJA-21/31 Voucher for each service provider using/linking the voucher to
  the corresponding AUTH. Each voucher submitted must have the appropriate supporting documentation
  (invoices, receipts, etc.) attached. If the case Budget Auth does not include a provision for interim
  payments, counsel must attach a memorandum of justification to each interim voucher submitted. Only
  final vouchers are submitted to the circuit for payment.
- Counsel will create and submit the CJA-20/30 Voucher and attach the appropriate supporting
  documentation to the voucher. If the Budget Memorandum did not include a provision for interim
  payments, counsel must attach a separate memorandum justifying interim payments to each interim
  voucher submitted. Final vouchers are submitted to the circuit for payment.

## **BUDGET AUTH DOCUMENTS**

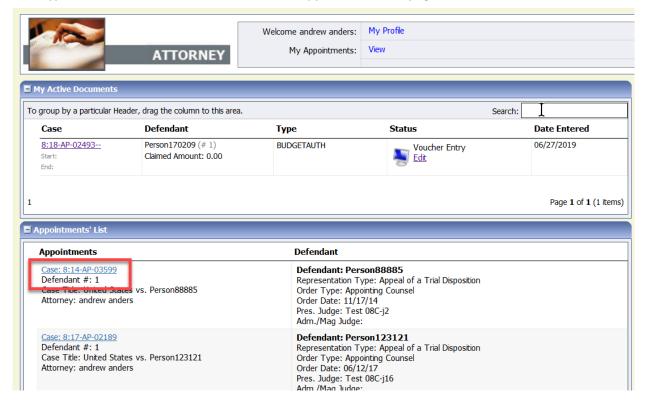
# **Budget Auth Document Type**

The Budget Auth document type allows you to request additional attorney funds and/or to request service providers on a budgeted case. Attorneys should coordinate the submission of this document with the circuit case budgeting attorney. It is important to note that the Budget Auth document DOES NOT create actual authorizations. Service provider requests approved in the budget auth still require an auth to be created and processed once the budget auth is approved.

# Create a Budget Auth

STEP 1

Click the hyperlink for the correct case to access the Appointment Info page.

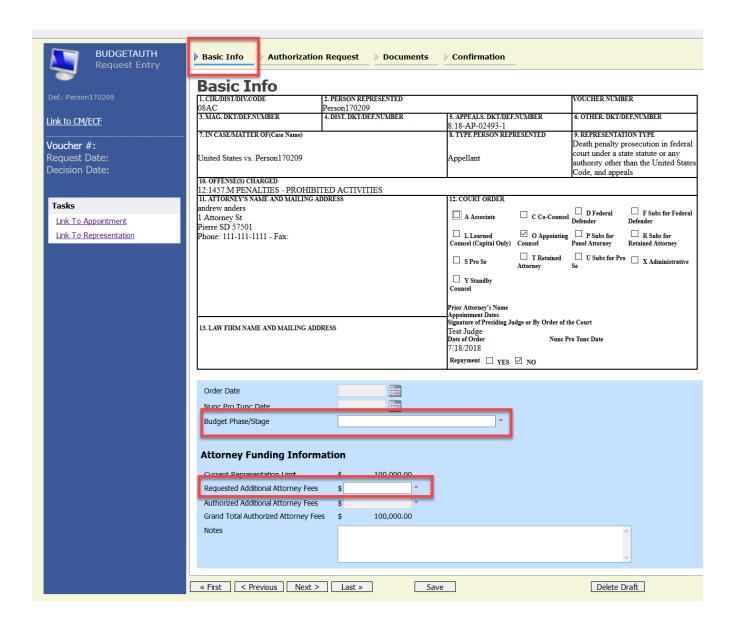


On the Appointment Info page, in the Create New Voucher section, click the **Create** hyperlink next to BUDGETAUTH.



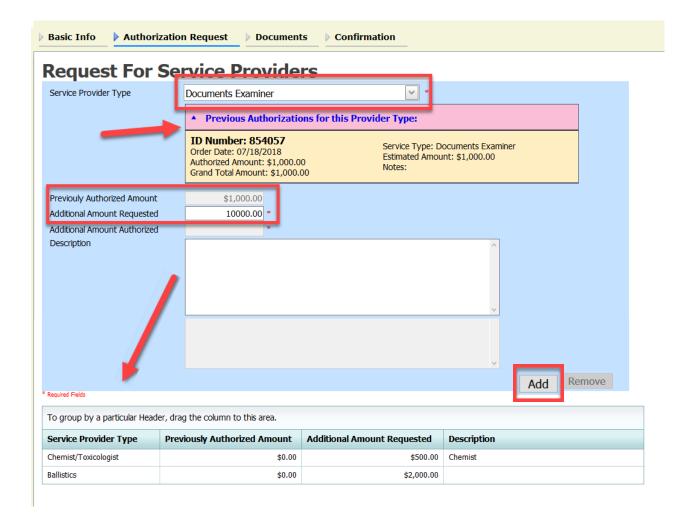
On the **Basic Info** tab of the budget auth, you must enter information in the **Budget Phase/Stage** and **Requested Additional Attorney Fees** fields.

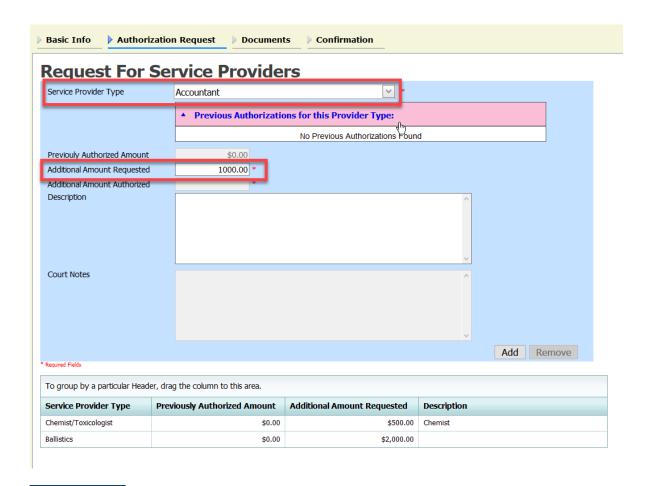
In the **Notes** field, you will indicate if interim payments are requested and add notes that you would like to be viewed with the requested amounts (you still have an opportunity to include notes on the **Confirmation** tab). If no attorney fees are being requested, you MUST enter **\$0** to submit the budget auth to the court.



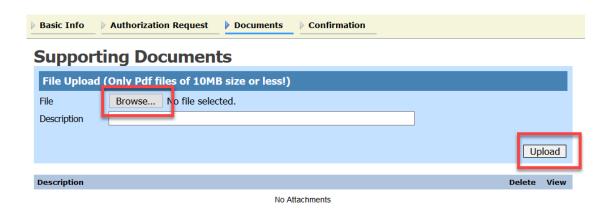
On the **Authorization Request** tab, from the **Service Provider Type** drop-down list, select the service provider(s) type you wish to use. Any previous authorizations for that provider type display. Click the previous authorization to add the additional amount requested, and then click **Add**. Note that the provider request appears in the grid below. Continue to add service providers, and then click the **Documents** tab when complete.

Note that if there is no prior auth, you only need to enter an amount in the Additional Amount Requested field.

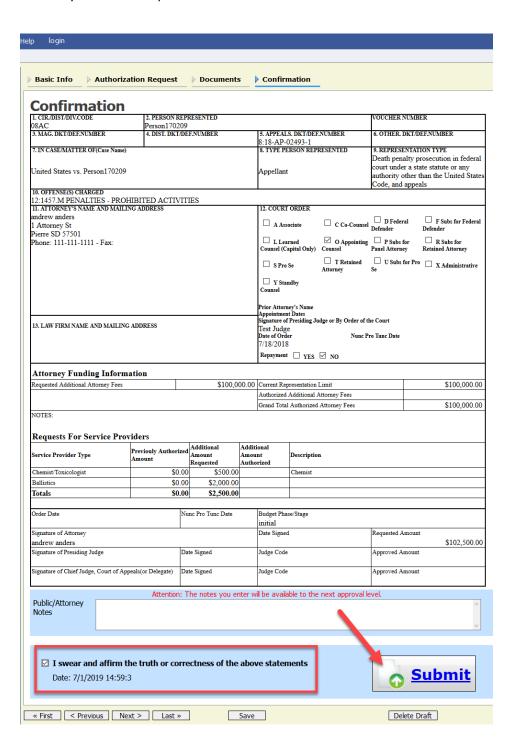




On the **Documents** tab, upload a Budget Memorandum justifying the compensation amounts and any other relevant documents, and then click the **Confirmation** tab.



On the **Confirmation** tab, review and confirm that all information is correct. In the **Public/Attorney Notes** field, you can include any information to the court. Select the check box to swear and affirm the accuracy of the voucher, which will automatically be time stamped. Click **Submit** to send to the court.



A confirmation screen appears, indicating the previous action was successful and the authorization has been submitted. Click the Home Page hyperlink to return to the home page or click the Appointment Page hyperlink to create an additional document for this appointment.

