



## Judicial Council of California

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# MEMORANDUM

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**Date**

September 20, 2007

**Action Requested**

Please Review

**To**

Court-Appointed Appellate Counsel

**Deadline**

N/A

**From**

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Hon. Herbert I. Levy, Chair  
Appellate Indigent Defense Oversight  
Advisory Committee (AIDOAC)

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Division

**Subject**

Hourly Rate Increase for Appointments on or  
after July 1, 2007

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We are very pleased to inform you that, with the support of the Chief Justice, the Administrative Presiding Justices (APJs), and the Appellate Indigent Defense Oversight Advisory Committee (AIDOAC), effective with appointments made on or after July 1, 2007, the hourly compensation rates for court-appointed counsel will be increased by \$5, to \$85/\$95/\$105. Staff of the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) is working closely with the appellate projects to implement these rate changes for all cases in which the appointment order by the court is dated on or after this effective date.

The table below shows the progress made in the past 21 months to increase panel compensation.

| <b>Type of case</b> | <b>Prior to 10/1/05</b> | <b>Eff. 10/1/05</b> | <b>Eff. 7/1/06</b> | <b>Eff. 7/1/07</b> | <b>Net percentage change since 10/1/05</b> |
|---------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Assisted            | \$65                    | \$70                | \$80               | \$85               | 31%                                        |
| Independent         | \$75                    | \$80                | \$90               | \$95               | 27%                                        |
| Violent felonies    | \$85                    | \$90                | \$100              | \$105              | 24%                                        |

We are very pleased that we are able to provide these increases. We have been told by a number of panel attorneys that the improved rates have resulted in experienced attorneys continuing to remain on the panel and newer attorneys committing to a career in appellate defense work. This will ensure the viability of a strong panel providing effective representation for indigent appellate defendants in the coming years.

In closing, on behalf of the Chief Justice, the Judicial Council, the APJs, and AIDOAC, we would again like to take this opportunity to thank each of you for the continuing dedicated public service you provide to your clients, our system of justice, and the California courts.

cc: Hon. Ronald M. George, Chief Justice of California  
Administrative Presiding Justices  
Appellate Court Clerk/Administrators  
Members of the Appellate Indigent Defense Oversight Advisory Committee  
Appellate Project Directors  
AOC Directors