

1 IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF ADAMS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

2 Administrative Order

3 Number 2 of 2017

4 In Re: Court Appointed Counsel Fees

5 **ORDER OF COURT**

6 AND NOW, this 9th day of January, 2017, counsel appointed by Court Order to represent a
7 client in any matter shall be paid pursuant to the following schedule unless otherwise provided by
8 specific Order of Court:

- 9 1. A representation fee of \$70 per hour for each hour representing the client's interests including
10 travel time with the exception that travel time shall not be compensated for travel to or from
11 court proceedings.
- 12 2. Whenever possible, meetings with clients incarcerated at a state correctional institution shall be
13 arranged by video conferencing through the Court upon request.
- 14 3. Tolls will be fully reimbursed provided written receipt is attached.
- 15 4. The following expenses are not approved for reimbursement unless prior authorization from the
16 Court is obtained:
- 17 a. mileage;
 - 18 b. postage;
 - 19 c. telephone charges;
 - 20 d. stenographic services;
 - 21 e. transcription services;
 - 22 f. photocopying expenses;
 - 23 g. meals;
 - 24 h. parking;
 - 25 i. any other expenses customarily considered an operating expense in maintaining a legal

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practice; and

j. communication with Court Administration and/or the Court that is administrative in nature.

5. Expert fees: All expenses for services of an expert must be approved by the Court prior to the retention of any expert. The request for approval must be accompanied by a written statement from the expert as to the fees and costs anticipated and a description of the services to be provided in exchange for the payment of fees. Any expenses incurred beyond that which is approved in advance by the Court shall be the responsibility of the attorney and should not be reimbursed by the Court or the County of Adams.

It is further Ordered that Administrative Order No. 11 of 2016 is vacated.

This Order is effective immediately.

BY THE COURT,

MICHAEL A. GEORGE
President Judge

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- Board of Judges
- Donald Fennimore, District Court Administrator
- Board of Commissioners
- Steve Renner, Controller
- Kelly Lawver, Clerk of Courts
- Beverly Boyd, Prothonotary