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Clerk of the Court
Superior Court of California
County of Calaveras
By K Raymond Deputy

GENERAL ORDER NO. 25-06

SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CALAVERAS

CRIMINAL COUNSEL COMPENSATION

Pursuant to California Penal Code §987

WHEREAS, under Penal Code § 987.2 and 987.3, the Superior Court is authorized and required to appoint competent counsel for indigent defendants in criminal cases when the interests of justice so require; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Government Code § 27707 and California Rules of Court, rule 4.117, the Court must ensure that fair and reasonable compensation is provided to appointed counsel handling criminal matters outside the scope of any standing public defender or conflict counsel contract; and

WHEREAS, the Court recognizes the professional obligations and valuable services provided by attorneys who accept these court-appointed roles, often at rates below market standard, in furtherance of due process, effective representation, and equal access to justice; and

WHEREAS, the current rate of compensation for non-contract counsel in criminal matters is being updated to reflect administrative needs and the nature of services rendered;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

Effective October 1, 2025, counsel appointed by the Court to handle criminal cases outside the scope of the Public Defender/Conflict Counsel contract shall be compensated at a rate of $95 per hour in misdemeanor cases, $95 per hour in felony cases, and $105 per hour in Penal Code § 187 cases.

1. Excluded from Compensation:

- This hourly rate does not include compensation for travel time or mileage.
- Reimbursement for other costs (e.g., postage, filing fees) will only be authorized upon submission of valid receipts and justification.

2. Billing Requirements:

• Invoices must be submitted to the Court monthly, or at a minimum quarterly.

• All invoices must include:

– A completed declaration (Application for Order on Payment of Fees/Costs).

– A detailed billing statement.

– Case name and number, description and date of services, time expended, and cost of services.

3. Reimbursement for Other Costs:

• All reimbursable expenses must be pre-approved by the Court and accompanied by paid receipts.

• Costs that are not itemized or lack documentation may be denied.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: 9-30-25

Timoth S. Healy

Presiding Judge