

## **Notice for CJA Panel Attorneys**

### **Notice Regarding Engaging Relatives for Compensable Services**

**September 16, 2014**

CJA panel attorneys are reminded pursuant to the Guidelines for Administering the CJA and Related Statutes, Chapter 3: Authorization and Payment for Investigative, Expert, or Other Services §310.20.05 that prior to engaging any relative to perform CJA compensable services, other than as associate counsel in the same law firm, counsel should first provide notification of the relationship and potential services to the presiding judicial authority.

The court may, in the interest of justice, and upon finding that timely procurement of necessary services could not await prior notification, approve payment for such services up to the dollar threshold for obtaining services without prior authorization.

Relative, as the term is defined in 5 U.S.C. §3110, means father, mother, son, daughter, brother, sister, uncle, aunt, first cousin, nephew, niece, husband, wife, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, stepfather, stepmother, stepson, stepdaughter, stepbrother, stepsister, half brother or half sister.