

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF DOUGLAS COUNTY KANSAS

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 22-21**

**Appointed Attorney Fees**  
**In Certain Cases**

WHEREAS, the appointment of counsel for persons who are unable to afford counsel is an important right for persons charged with criminal conduct as adults or juveniles or those persons facing allegations for involuntary commitment (“Care and Treatment”) or other cases requiring appointment where personal liberty is at issue, and;

WHEREAS this Judicial District has approved panels of attorneys willing to accept appointments to provide legal counsel to such persons, and;

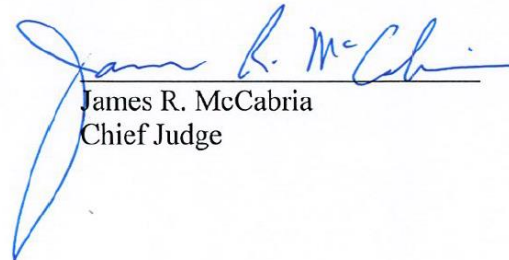
WHEREAS, this jurisdiction has historically authorized rates of compensation consistent with the rates authorized by the Legislature of Kansas for felony appointments; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature, effective July 1, 2022, authorized a rate of \$120 per hour for such appointments;

NOW, THEREFORE, this Court enters the following Order:

- 1) Effective immediately, counsel for any adult non-felony (including but not limited to those assigned to Behavioral Health Court or Drug Court and Care and Treatment) or any juvenile case which is compensated at an hourly rate, including appeals, may submit vouchers for billable hours incurred on or after July 1, 2022, at the rate of \$120 per hour.
- 2) The non-felony caps that require the submission of a request to approve exceptional billing are increased from \$1,500 to \$1,800 for non-tried cases and from \$2,500 to \$3,000 for tried cases. For indirect contempt, care & treatment, sentence modification and probation/parole violations, the caps are increased from \$625 to \$750.00.

This order is made and is effective this 29<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2022.

  
James R. McCabria  
Chief Judge