

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF DOUGLAS COUNTY KANSAS

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 21-24

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, and;

WHEREAS this district has an approved panel of attorneys willing to accept appointments to provide legal counsel to such persons, and;

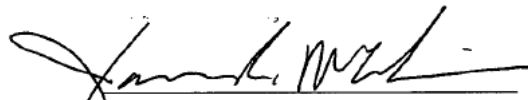
WHEREAS the Kansas Legislature recently authorized an hourly fee of \$100 per hour for appointed counsel in felony matters through the Board of Indigent Defense Services,

NOW, THEREFORE, this Court enters the following Order:

- 1) Effective September 1, 2021, for any appointment of counsel for any adult non-felony or any juvenile case on or after September 1, 2021, including appeals, all approved billable hours will be compensated at the rate of \$100 per hour. For any case appointment prior to that date, approved billable hours will be compensated at the previous (\$80/hour) rate.

- 2) The non-felony caps that require the submission of a request to approve exceptional billing are increased from \$1,200 to \$1,500 for non-tried cases and from \$2,000 to \$2,500 for tried cases. For indirect contempt, care & treatment, sentence modification and probation/parole violations, the caps are increased from \$500 to \$625.00. If the appointment pre-dated September 1, 2021, then all hourly rates/caps apply as they did at the time of the appointment.

This order is made and is effective this 30th day of September, 2021.


James R. McCabria
Chief Judge