

Case Budgeting Assistance

Once it is reasonably apparent to CJA counsel that the cost of representation for a defendant will likely exceed 150 attorney hours (or \$24,600 based on the current CJA rate of \$164/hour), the court may request development of a complete or staged budget for the defendant's representation. Budgeting is accomplished with the assistance of the CJA Supervising Attorney. Cases that will likely exceed 300 hours (\$49,200) may require consultation with the Ninth Circuit's Case Budgeting Attorney. Budgeting is mandatory for capital cases and cases expected to exceed \$100,000 in combined costs.

[Ninth Circuit Case Management and Budgeting Policy](#)

Resources - Contacts

Non-Capital Cases

Darrel J. Gardner
CJA Supervising Attorney for WAED
509-458-3423
darrel_gardner@waed.uscourts.gov

Capital Cases

Kristine Fox
415-355-8985
kfox@ce9.uscourts.gov

Capital Defense Network: <http://www.capdefnet.org/>

Defender Services Office: <https://www.fd.org/>

Budget Submission

Case budgets should be submitted using the WAED Litigation Planning Form (link follows) via eVoucher as an uploaded attachment to a CJA-26 voucher. [Use the Litigation Planning Form](#) available on the court's CJA web page under "Manuals/Instructions/Forms." Provide the form to the CJA Supervising Attorney for review and consultation prior to submitting the form in eVoucher.

CJA Guidelines

[WAED Criminal Justice Act Plan.](#)

Eligible Non-Capital Representations [[Guide, Vol. 7, § 230.26](#)]

Capital Representations [[Guide, Vol. 7, § 640](#)]